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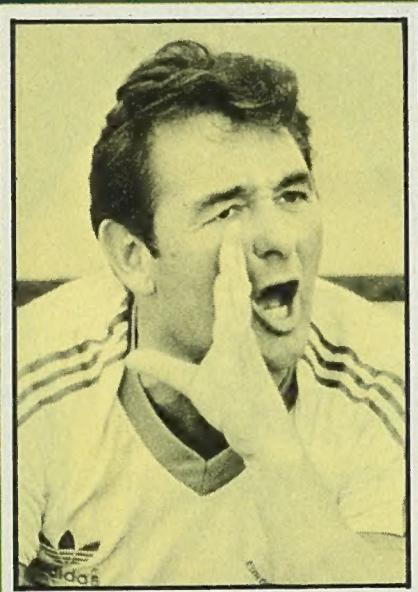
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**All the Football League
Goalscorers 1980-81**

Tired or not?

IGNORING the political ramifications of British footballers wanting to play in South Africa this summer, another aspect of the affair is worthy of careful consideration.

Fourteen players volunteered to make themselves available for the tour — later cancelled — to the land of apartheid at the end of a long and arduous League and Cup season at home.

In deciding to play in a series of exhibition matches and offer coaching to promising young players, they were prepared to do overtime in summer months while most other League players preferred to go to the beaches of Britain and Europe for a well earned rest with their wives or friends.

SHOOT! view!

Something doesn't make sense. Don't players complain repeatedly that the League and Cup season is too long? That their bodies are battered and bruised, and desperately in need of a rest after a winter's campaign lasting eight months? That the close season is too short? That they need time to re-charge their batteries before the start of a new season?

Well, are they too tired, or aren't they? We suspect the lure of fat fees from South Africa was too tempting for them to resist.

Last October, Tommy Docherty said that the Football League was a joke. He reckoned there were only three clubs worth watching in the country — Liverpool, West Ham and Luton. He made the statement on his sacking from Q.P.R.

Before that he suggested that some managers were cheats and liars. And then he went across the world to join Australian club Sydney Olympic.

Now, The Doc is back, at Deepdale, promising to put the "proud" back into Preston.

Whatever he says to the contrary, football in Australia does not compare with the game in this country.

On one occasion during his time "down-under", Docherty was prevented from erecting goalposts on the training ground because it was wanted for cricket. He had to lay down coats instead.

Soccer in Britain is not as bad as it is often painted. Docherty and the other 91 managers should promote the game, not criticise it.

Hopefully, the 52 year-old hell-raiser will have had time to reflect on what football has given him, and that this extension to his previously defunct League career is a bonus worthy of a little "thank you".

Don't be humble, Doc. Just be grateful. Football needs you, and you need football.

MICK MILLS wants to be a manager when he retires as a player but firmly believes that his success for England and Ipswich Town gives him no divine right to a boss's chair.

And he is prepared to pick the brains of his former team-mate Bryan Hamilton, manager at Fourth Division Tranmere Rovers, to achieve his objective.



Chris
Davies
meets...

MICK MILLS CAPTAIN

MILLS has his eyes on management and says: "Bryan and I used to chat about management for hours. Obviously I don't know what the future holds, but it would be nice to link-up with him as I admire him so much. And if I ever do work with Bryan, by then he'll have had three or four years experience ahead of me, which can only be a help."

The Ipswich captain is aware that being an outstanding club captain does not guarantee success as a manager.

The case of Frank McLintock — a superb leader who skippered Arsenal to the double ten years ago — is a case in point; McLintock just couldn't get to grips with management at Leicester City.

'Good Manager'

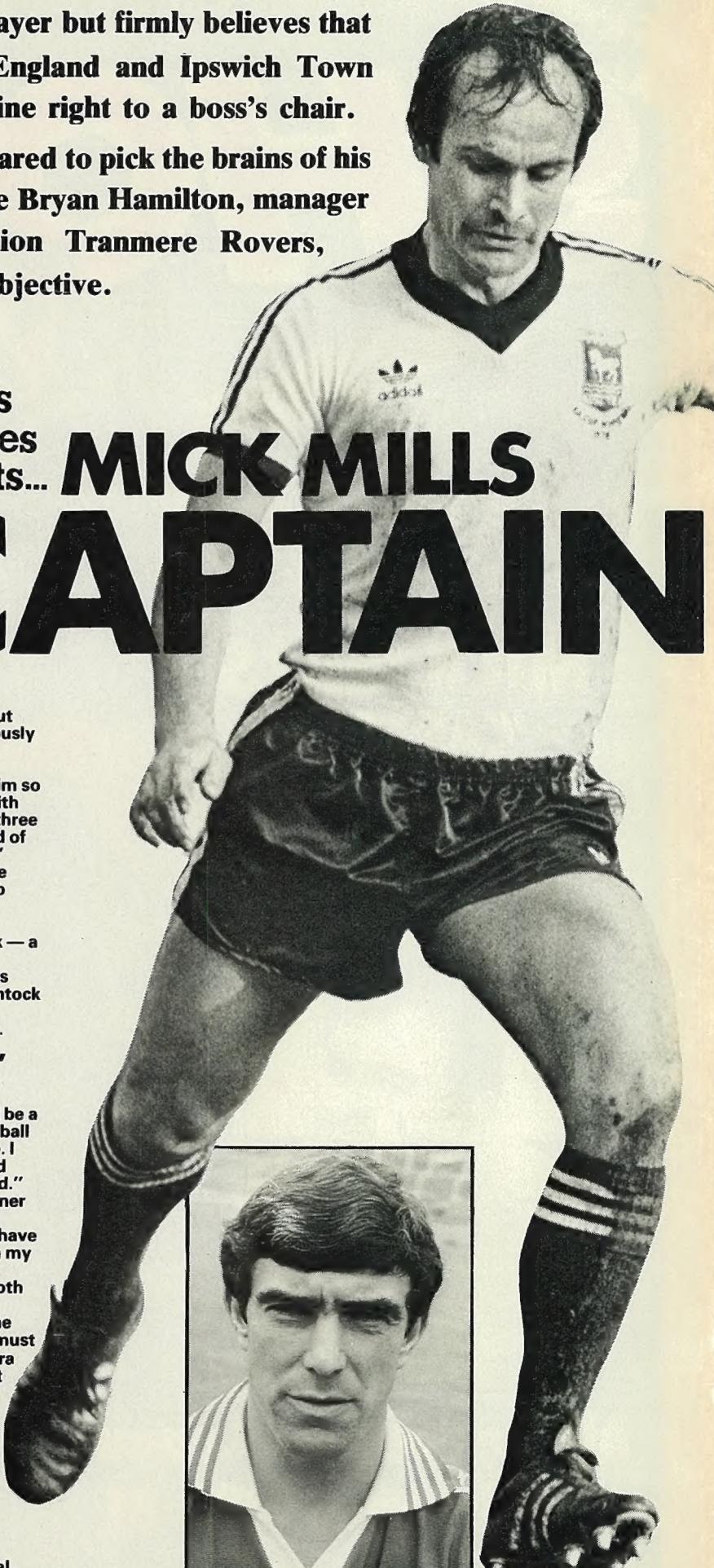
"You can't go through the League and say so-and-so will be a good manager. It's a different ball game on that side of the fence. I know I've got a lot to learn and have no divine right to succeed."

Just as Mills has been a winner as a player, I wouldn't mind betting a few bob that he will have more success after he quits. In my view, he is the most complete captain in the First Division, both on and off the field.

"I feel if someone accepts the honour of being captain they must be prepared to put that bit extra back. Captaincy isn't just what you do on the field.

"Occasionally I have to make a small change or ensure correct marking at set-pieces, but the major changes are made at half-time or through the bench.

"I'm fully aware that I have to set high standards. As captain, everything I do is noticed. If I appear at a local function, the word 'captain' appears



in the Press. I mustn't be seen doing the wrong things.

"We at Ipswich take on a lot of work ourselves. It's only fair to give something back to the supporters."

"When I was younger I used to have a few mix-ups with referees. Now, I like to think I have a good reputation within the game and I can talk to them, not just for me but on behalf of the other players."

Mills has been captain of Ipswich for 11 years. He's honest enough to admit that at the time of his appointment he wasn't quite ready for it.

"Bobby Robson had been having some trouble with Bill Baxter. Really, there wasn't anyone else he could give the job to, even

Mills leads England out for the first time, against Wales at Cardiff in 1978. But his greatest honour came when he skippered England at Wembley against Switzerland last year.

extent it was the same the next time in Northern Ireland.

"I remember wondering if I would ever be asked to lead the side again. I would have traded those two away games for one at Wembley."

"When I did captain the team against Switzerland at Wembley it was a marvellous feeling. As we were on the coach going to the game, I was aware that not just 24,000 Ipswich fans would be watching me, but the entire nation. It was the best thing that's ever happened to me in soccer."

Mills — Captain Fantastic — knows his England career is in the balance after World Cup failure. But beyond 1982 he can look forward to becoming one of the outstanding young managers of the 80's.



FANTASTIC

though I was so young.

"There are different types of captains. Bobby Moore led by his sheer class. Others, like myself, lead by enthusiasm. The way you play dictates what sort of skipper you are. One captain I particularly admire is Billy Bonds who, like me, is more of the driving force type of leader."

'Honour'

Mills has captained England on three occasions — "the ultimate honour for me, especially the one at home."

He continues: "The first occasion was against Wales. Naturally I was thrilled when I was told, but the game was at the end of the season . . . a stand had just been knocked down at Cardiff . . . and when I led the team out it wasn't quite right. There was something missing. To a certain



Bryan Hamilton (left) is a former team-mate of Mills who could join forces with the Ipswich skipper in the future. Bobby Moore (above) led the England team by 'sheer class' according to Mills.

McCall is Muhren's successor

ENGLAND'S latest rising star, Steve McCall, already had his bags packed when Ron Greenwood sent for him.

But it certainly wasn't a case of over-confidence on the part of the Ipswich youngster. He was actually prepared for a trip to his family home in Carlisle but instead found himself bound for Switzerland and Hungary as a member of the Under-21 squad.

Explains Steve: "We had returned from Amsterdam after winning the UEFA Cup and my plan was to head home after the civic reception the following Sunday. When I heard I had been called up I could hardly believe it."

Steve was a vital member of the Ipswich side that not only conquered Europe but also finished runners-up in the League Championship and reached the Semi-Final stage of the F.A. Cup.

Competitive

Not bad for a 20-year-old who started the season hoping for "the odd game or two here and there" but who ended it having played in 48 of his club's 66 competitive matches.

He says: "It's difficult to take it all in. I'd have been happy with half as many because of the competition for places at Portman Road."

"My debut had come the previous season and I thought it was a question of just finding my feet. I expected to be a regular in the reserves with a first team game now and again."

Steve started the season as deputy for Dutch midfield man Arnold Muhren in the 1-0 away win over Leicester City but most of his appearances were at left-back.

Injuries to skipper Mick Mills and right-back George Burley, whose last game was in January, gave Steve his big chance.

He still regards himself as a left-sided midfield player and Robson has earmarked him for Muhren's place in the side when the Dutchman finally returns



STEVE McCALL

home, probably at the end of next season.

"But obviously I don't mind where I play if I'm in the side," says Steve. "There's more freedom in midfield and if I had my choice that's where I would play. But playing at left-back has probably improved my all-round game."

So well did Steve slot in at number three in the treble-chasing Town side that he kept his place on merit even when former international defender Kevin Beattie, plagued by knee trouble in recent years, was 100 per cent fit.

The youngest member of the Ipswich UEFA Cup-winning side, Steve earned

rave reports from two of the most respected people in football as he added to his experience against the best in Britain.

First of all, former Liverpool boss Bill Shankly singled him out for special praise after seeing him star in Town's 1-1 draw at Anfield. And then Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy tipped him as a star of the future after Ipswich went to The Dell and shared six goals.

And yet there was a time when Steve wondered whether he would ever get the chance to make a name for himself in football. In fact, the offer to join Ipswich came just two days before the young hopeful was due to start another job.

Apprenticeship

He was all set to become an apprentice mechanical engineer at a large factory in Carlisle when Bobby Robson stepped in with an offer of an apprenticeship of a different sort.

"I had been travelling down to Ipswich for trials for several months, on and off, and I had begun to fear the worst," says Steve. "I got fixed up with another job but I was still hoping Ipswich would want me. I never gave up hope."

"I jumped at the chance to sign because all along I had wanted to join Ipswich. Some other clubs, including Preston and Sunderland, had shown an interest but I decided it was Ipswich for me and I've never regretted it."

One of last season's highlights was his first League goal, which came in Town's 4-0 away defeat of Coventry, a 25-yard thunderbolt which earned him a place in the BBC "Goal of the Month" competition.

Now he looks ahead to another season when he hopes to keep Ipswich in the forefront — and at the same time increase his chances of winning further England honours.

IPSWICH will begin their preparations for the new season where they ended the old one in style — and possibly against the same opposition.

It was in the Olympic Stadium in Amsterdam that Bobby Robson's side finally clinched a major trophy when they won the U.E.F.A. Cup after defeating AZ '67 Alkmaar 5-4 on aggregate.

Now Town are planning a return trip to the same venue at the beginning of August when they will take part in a four-club tournament organised by Ajax and also involving AZ and Belgian side Standard Liege.

Pop loving star

THERE are few bigger pop fans in soccer than Neil Henson, an 18-year-old defender or midfielder with Swansea. He likes Bob Dylan, Police and The Beatles.

He's quite a talented youngster himself, having played soccer for Wales and Swansea as a schoolboy.

His father loves soccer, too, while mum is a keep fit teacher and David Gwyther, the Newport forward, is a distant relation.



WOLVES CHASE RANGERS ACE



Young 'Terrors' promoted

DUNDEE UNITED, who retained the League Cup and reached the Final of the Scottish Cup, will make changes in the first team squad next season.

"I am proud of what we have achieved at Tannadice," says manager Jim McLean. "But I just want everybody to realise that we cannot afford to be complacent."

"We still have lots of room for improvement, and with several of my best youngsters staking claims for promotion into the first team, next season could very well see them get their chance."

Two youngsters have already been nominated for inclusion in the first team squad, Derek Murray and Richard Gough.

Both players are defenders, and like so many of Dundee United's up-and-coming stars of the future, cost the club very little or nothing to sign.

WOLVES, desperate to strengthen the middle of their defence, are eyeing up price talent on the Continent. Already they have shown the bargains to be landed in Europe when they signed Uruguay international defender Rafael Villazan from Spanish football.

Villazan missed most of last season with cartilage trouble but boss John Barnwell is confident he will be ready for the start of the season. Now the Wolves chief has high hopes that Rafael will kick-off the campaign with another foreign player alongside him.

The Molineux manager had been watching Mansfield and Northern Ireland star John McClelland but was pipped for his signature by Rangers.

However, if he can't find what he wants abroad he could head North of the border where his targets are unhappy Rangers striker or defender Derek Johnstone (left), who is happier playing at the back, or out of favour Aberdeen stopper Willie Garner.

If he decides to shop in Scotland, Barnwell is more likely to go for Garner as the fee Rangers will ask for Johnstone is more than Wolves can afford.

THE traditional pre-match steak is definitely out of fashion with the diet-conscious lads in the Norwich team.

Instead of tucking into a fillet of their favourite on match days, the Carrow Road men are now much more likely to take toast and honey — or simple plain rice pudding.

Brazier break

COLIN BRAZIER, who has had his problems with Wolves over the past couple of seasons, is now playing with New England Teamen in Jacksonville, Florida.

The sudden change in his fortunes came about following Wolves visit to the States a few weeks ago.

Brazier feels he must have impressed Noel Cantwell, the Teamen's manager, because the former Coventry City boss made an offer to Wolves for the transfer of the young midfield player.

He said: "This offer will give me the extra finance I've been seeking. I'm also hoping that next season I will be with a new club and earning the kind of money I feel I deserve."

A LOT has been made of the internationals who may be available at Liverpool, but I can reveal that the European Champions are prepared to part with both Richard Money and Ian Rush, two close-season signings last year.

Rush signed from Chester for £300,000, and won a League Cup Final medal when playing in the replay against West Ham in March. Liverpool will part for their money back.

The same goes for Money (left), who has also made only a handful of appearances.



Ian Rush

He was bought from Fulham for £300,000, and expected to play in the European Cup Final, but lost his place to first-choice Alan Kennedy. We all know what happened next!

NEWS DESK

Compiled by BILL DAY



Blissett makes the grade

LUTHER BLISSETT is just beginning to find his feet in the hurly-burly of professional football. That is the claim of his Watford manager Graham Taylor after explaining how the young England striker had suffered from over-exposure when he exploded on to the soccer scene two years ago.

Taylor, who moved Blissett around the front line of his improving Second Division side and finally gave him a run of games in midfield, said: "When he came into the Second Division he found teams ready for him. But now Luther has played over 100 League games and is showing every sign that he knows what the game is all about.

"He has had everything thrown at him and he is coping well.

"He became a national figure too quickly, appearing on television, gaining international recognition and so on."

VANCOUVER Whitecaps striker Peter Devine is joining Bristol City this month.

The 19-year-old, signed from Cheshire League club Chorley for £20,000 at the end of last season is being released by the North American club.

"I hope to finalise the move in time for Devine to come on our pre-season trip to Sweden," says manager Bob Houghton.

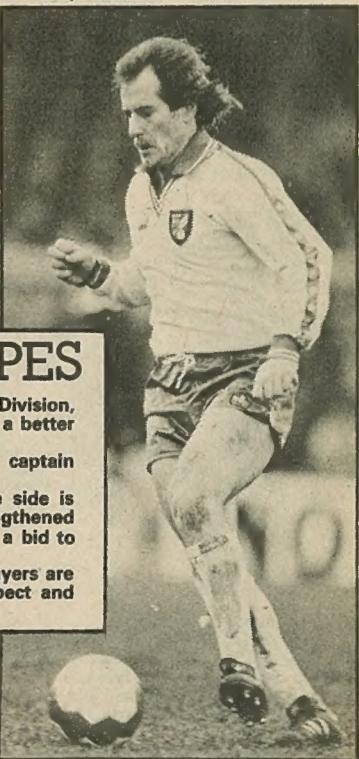
Devine is similar in size and style to Kevin Mabbett. He only played a few games for the Whitecaps.

"He is skilful, elegant and works hard," says Houghton.

But can he score goals? We shall see in a few weeks time.

LIVERPOOL skipper Phil Thompson took one of the most important steps of his career on June 20.

He married long-time girlfriend Margaret Ireland, 21, and confessed: "I was more nervous than I would have been at a Cup Final."



NORWICH HOPES

IN SPITE of relegation to the Second Division, Norwich City ended last season with a better team than they began it.

So says the rebuilt team's new captain Graham Paddon (right).

The Canaries' skipper believes the side is better balanced and particularly strengthened by the signings Ken Brown made in a bid to avoid relegation.

Captain Paddon said: "The new players are all senior professionals in every respect and they have made a big difference."

IRISH LEAGUE Champions Glentoran have arranged a pre-season Centenary game against F.A. Cup holders Tottenham Hotspur, at the Oval, on Saturday, August 8.

ON CULLEN, an 18-year-old right-back with Reading, made his full League debut against Hull just before the season ended, and his form paid off for all the faith the club have shown in him.

He first joined Reading as a schoolboy in 1977, and last September was signed as a pro.

As a schoolboy he represented Oxfordshire, North Berks and the South of England and also won F.A. Youth honours.

Charlton's good pals act

FORMER England ace Bobby Charlton has turned Good Samaritan for a friend. He wants to track down a man named Bob Bowler, who served with Charlton's friend Rueben Kay in the Second World War.

Bowler and Kay, soldiers with the 138 Field Regiment, have lost contact since the war and Charlton is anxious to get them together.

Charlton explained: "Rueben was injured at Monte Casino and I think that as the last Bob Bowler saw of him."



DILEMMA OF ARMFIELD'S SON

MANCHESTER United have a goalkeeper on their books whose credentials for making it to the top are better than most.

John Armfield, just turned 18, and still at school, is the son of former Blackpool and England full-back Jimmy Armfield, who also managed Bolton and Leeds.

"He did well in his first season with United," says Jimmy, now working as a football journalist.

"He was playing for Blackpool Mechanics in the Lancashire League the season before last, and United were short of a young goalkeeper. Joe Brown, the former Burnley player and manager, spotted John, and recommended him to United."

Jimmy (right), who won 43 caps, is encouraging him to further his studies before setting off on a road to professional football.

"He is taking 'A' levels in history, geography and law, and has already been accepted to Carnegie College in Leeds if he achieves the right grades. That will be better for him at his age. There are plenty of players around who have entered soccer that way."

"It is entirely up to him. He has an open mind whether or not he wants to turn pro. But I believe he could make the grade."

"He doesn't play soccer at school. Perhaps that has slowed down his progress a little. But if you are good enough at anything, you will succeed," insists Jimmy.



Briefly...

Steve Spooner, a 20-year-old midfielder with Derby County, is now hoping he has left all the black clouds behind him.

Spooner went to Derby as a 16-year-old and made his League debut the following March against Tottenham.

But early last season he twice suffered hairline fractures of the right leg, but he came back before the term ended to make his first League appearance in 18 months.

Alan Durban, new manager of Sunderland, is promoting the cause of one of his old Stoke players.

He helped midfielder Adrian Heath and striker Lee Chapman to earn England Under-21 honours.

and believes that midfielder Paul Bracewell should follow them.

Durban says: "I don't know how he can be overlooked. He has been playing so well."

Bracewell captained the Stoke youth team and also won honours at that level with Shropshire.

The Scottish Football Association (S.F.A.) has signed a three-year contract with Dunlop Sports Company to use their super Pro ball. The contract that commenced on the 1st June, 1981, includes the use of the ball by the Scottish team in all home international games, Scottish Cup Semi-Finals and Finals. It is also to be used in S.F.A. coaching courses.

No wonder Irish F.A. president Harry Cavan is generally regarded as one

of the busiest legislators in British football.

In addition to his top Irish post, which he has held for the past 23 years, the versatile and much-travelled Mr Cavan is also secretary of his local Irish League club, Ards, and senior vice-president of F.I.F.A., the world governing body. What's more, he is also chairman of the World Youth Championship, with special responsibility for staging the 1981 series, in Australia, next October.

MIDDLESBROUGH mid-fielder Graeme Hedley is enjoying a great season of cricket. Hedley capped his splendid form with a century for Blackhall against Norton in the senior division of the North Yorkshire and South Durham League.

WARK'S GOING HOME

IPSWICH star John Wark is looking forward to his side's pre-season friendly against Rangers more than any of his team-mates.

The UEFA Cup winners travel North to Ibrox on Saturday, August 1, but it won't be midfield man Wark's first visit to the stadium. Because as a youngster in Glasgow he was a regular on the Ibrox terraces.

"When I was a kid it was my ambition to play for Rangers," says John. "I used to watch them every week and hope that one day they would ask me to sign."

But it was arch-rivals Celtic who made the first move and John attended evening training sessions at Parkhead with several other schoolboy hopefuls. He preferred to start his career in England, however, and joined Ipswich in 1973.

"It will be the first time I'll have played at Ibrox," he says. "Ipswich don't go up to Scotland very often so I'm delighted."

NORTHERN IRELAND won the 1981 United Kingdom Trustee Savings Bank soccer competition.

In the recent final the Ulster Bankers clinched the trophy with a convincing 3-1 win over their Easter England counterparts.



Two to Tango

ADIDAS have won their battle to gain acceptance by the Football League for their Tango ball — and the way is now clear for the ball to be used by League clubs next season.

Following the League's previous refusal to allow the Tango to be used, Adidas took their case to the European Commission in Brussels, claiming that the League's action contravened a section of the Treaty of Rome concerned with restrictive practices.

The distinctive Tango ball, launched in 1978 at the Argentina World Cup, and used at most major international occasions ever since, is black and white, but until now, the League have only approved one particular coloured ball and plain white balls.

League Secretary Graham Kelly has now told Adidas: 'In principle, there is no objection from the Football League to the Tango ball'. But the League have not given any reasons for the change of mind.

BRYAN HAMILTON-bosSED Tranmere Rovers have arranged a pre-season tour of Northern Ireland, during which they hope to play Irish Cup holders Ballymena United, Cliftonville and Portadown.

A YEAR ago, Cliftonville back-four man John Flanagan became disillusioned with football and decided to quit the game.

But now, after having second thoughts, the dominant six-footer, who won Irish League Championship and Irish Cup-winning medals with Crusaders and Cliftonville is back in business, this time at Portadown, where he has teamed-up again with former Solitude supremo Jackie Hutton.

Ball wizard aged 63

FORMER Linfield ace Harry Walsh came out of retirement at the age of 63 to appear for an Ex-Newry Town XI against a team of past Irish league stars in a curtain-raiser to the testimonial game for Cliftonville defender Con Davey, at Newry Showgrounds.

The ageless Bessbrook man gave everyone a lesson in ball control, distribution, positional play and midfield artistry.

Harry Walsh, a three-time Irish Cup winner with Linfield, lined-up for Ireland against the might of the Combined Services, including the likes of Frank Swift, Wally Barnes, Matt Busby, Stanley Matthews, Raich Carter, Tommy Lawton and Stan Mortensen, in a War-time fixture, all of 37 years ago!

VILLA'S GREEK TREAT

ASTON VILLA will not be sitting back resting on their laurels in preparation for the new season.

Manager Ron Saunders, who has always been acknowledged as a hard task-master, has accepted a three-match tour to Germany and Greece.

Two of the games in Greece are against A.E.K. and Panathinaikos, while the East German national side are to play at Villa Park on August 17.

A few days later Villa head to Wembley for the Charity Shield meeting with Spurs. Some good results from these games will certainly put Villa in a good frame of mind in their bid for new honours.

Revie wanted

IT IS an open secret that Rotherham United considered Don Revie as successor to Ian Porterfield.

Club chairman Anton Johnson spent some time considering whether to tempt 52-year-old Revie to quit his well paid job with United Arab Emirates club Al Nazr.

Porterfield, who led the club into the Second Division at the end of last season, is the new boss of Sheffield United.



KEVIN HECTOR has decided to remain loyal to Derby County and remain at the Baseball Ground instead of joining his old colleague, Roy McFarland at Bradford City.

Heroes' farewell

SHEFFIELD UNITED's free transfer list makes sorry reading as they plunge down into the Fourth Division.

Just look at this threesome of players who had been with First Division clubs — strikers Barry Butlin and Don Givens and defender John Cutbush.

THE soccer players nervously warmed up for the start of their game.

With only minutes to go the two teams from Northern Gas took up their positions for the Chairman's Cup Final.

The referee's whistle went, but the game didn't start.

The referee was blowing furiously on his whistle to raise the alarm because he was stuck in a nearby loo. His linesmen were there too, unable to get out.

Ken Usher and his linesmen Dave Smith and Ted Elderton were trapped for 20 minutes before they were discovered!

The game was between Walkergate and Norgas House, climax to the Northern Gas soccer season.

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ALTHOUGH as a 'keeper I'm in the business of goal-saving, I still appreciate a good goal, even one from the opposition.

No two goals are ever the same, and it never ceases to amaze me the thousands of different ways in which they are scored.

Their variety is the spice of football life.

Even so, as I look back over the League and Cup matches in which I was involved with Liverpool, I realise goals come roughly into six categories. So here are "six of the best", selected from memory.

The best solo effort. This came from Alan Hansen, who resembles the great West German star, Franz Beckenbauer in so many ways.

Like Franz, Alan is a superb back-four player, with magnificent composure under pressure, who can come forward with the ball and not look out of his depth.

His go-it-alone goal was the first in our 4-1 win over Norwich City on August 30th.

Alan began his move on the left-hand side by the halfway line, heading straight for the Norwich goal.

He had travelled 30 yards, with their defence opening up, before being challenged.

In full flight, he weaved past two defenders and from 20 yards struck a mighty shot with his right foot.

Magnificent

The best "combination" goal. This was the result of magnificent team work and was scored by Phil Neal in our 4-0 win over Aberdeen in a second-leg European Cup-tie in November.

A series of fast, one-touch passes from our box to theirs ended with Phil spectacularly sliding the ball home.

The best long-range shot resulting in a goal was put past me — by Leicester's Andy Peake in our shock 2-0 League defeat at Filbert Street in August. It was mainly the fault of our midfield not closing him down and allowing him too much space.

To their surprise — and mine — he suddenly unleashed from around 30 yards a shot Bobby Charlton would have been proud of in his heyday, and the ball flashed into the top corner of my net.

The best headed goal came from

Sammy Lee in the 10-0 thrashing of Finnish club Olum Palloseura, in the second-leg of the European Cup First Round at Anfield.

Sammy showed what a mighty atom he is by getting on the end of a cross to the far post and ramming the ball home with his forehead.

A fine example of both power and direction, though not to be compared with the headed goal from Tommy Hutchison which put Manchester City ahead in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley!

The best volleyed goal. Invariably spectacular and the ones most fans prefer to see and players to score.

Unfortunately, the example I've picked went past me so fast I couldn't wait to get home to my TV to see a recording of it.

Scorer was Glenn Hoddle of Spurs, a volley specialist, whose goal gained a point for Spurs in our 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane in April.

He pounced on a header out of defence by Colin Irwin, under

TV camera's eye.

The other goal stood out in an F.A. Cup Final replay of five goals. Struck by Manchester City's Steve Mackenzie from long range, for me it deserves to rank alongside Ricardo Villa's marvellous solo winner for Spurs.

The most inspired goal. Who else but Kenny Dalglish, our goalscorer extraordinary, could lay claim to the best in this category?

Clever Chip

His particular piece of magic set us on the way to winning the League Cup Final replay against West Ham — incidentally, our first in this competition. Kenny was in the Hammers' box with several defenders around him when Terry McDermott cleverly chipped the ball over to land in front of Kenny.

With one flowing movement, our super Scotsman swept the ball past 'keeper Phil Parkes and into the net.

A less gifted player would have brought the ball under control, giving the 'keeper time to come out

and dive at his feet.

A flash of genius from a world class striker.

Goals — particularly great ones — are the lifeblood of the game, and it's refreshing to know that at last they are flowing faster, that more are being scored.

Bad news for 'keepers like me — but good news for the paying customers!

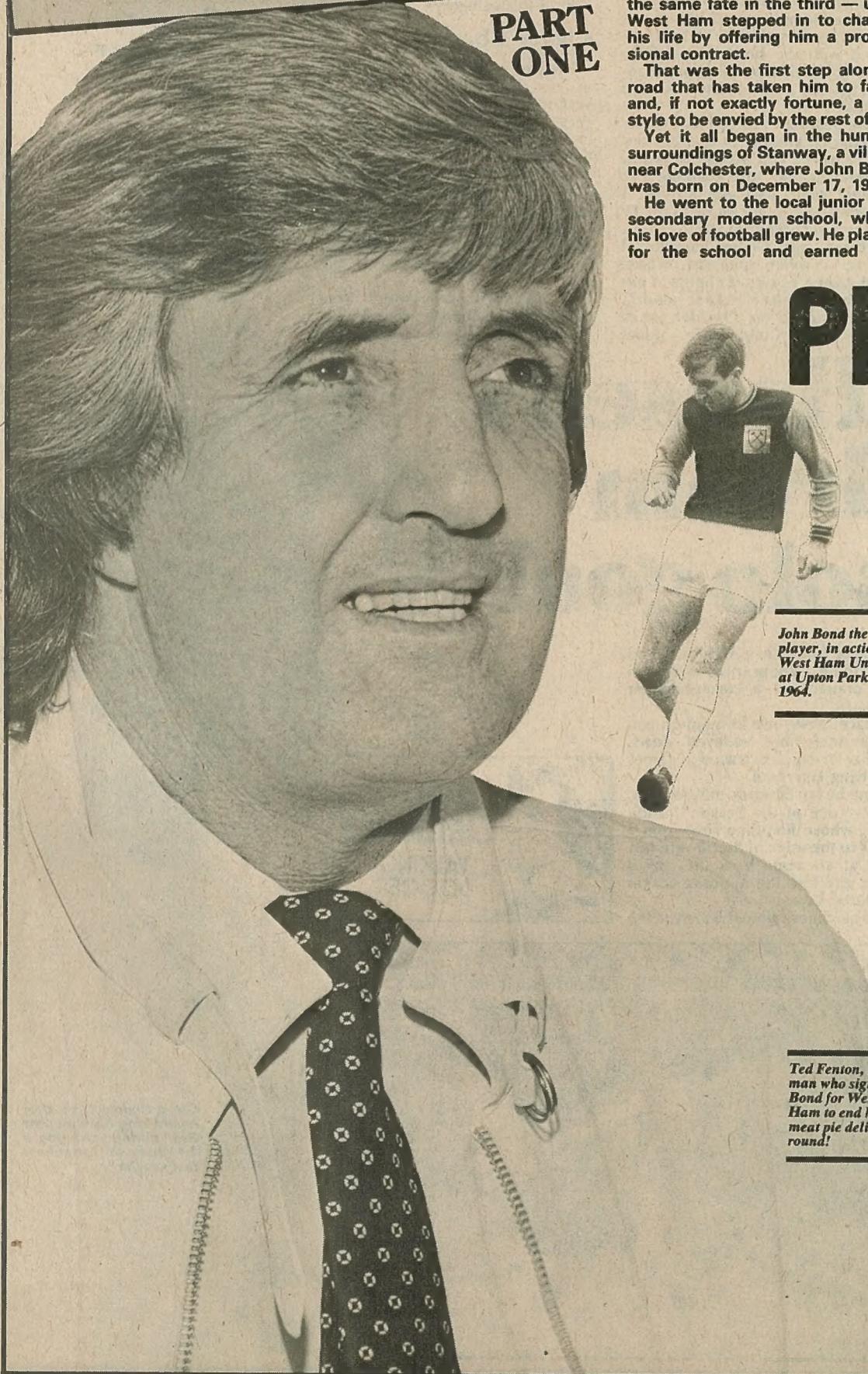
Ray Clemence



Glenn Hoddle turns after hammering his shot past Ray during Liverpool's 1-1 draw at Tottenham last season.

The JOHN BOND Story

PART
ONE



If John Bond had not been blessed with a rare talent as a football player and manager he might have struggled to earn a living.

Football was the only thing he ever cared about. Nothing else mattered, and the man who is now one of the most respected figures in the game admits he was a 'pain in the neck' as a teenager.

He got the sack from the first two jobs he had on leaving school. And he admits he was heading for the same fate in the third — until West Ham stepped in to change his life by offering him a professional contract.

That was the first step along a road that has taken him to fame and, if not exactly fortune, a lifestyle to be envied by the rest of us.

Yet it all began in the humble surroundings of Stanway, a village near Colchester, where John Bond was born on December 17, 1932.

He went to the local junior and secondary modern school, where his love of football grew. He played for the school and earned rep-

resentative honours with Colchester and North East Essex Boys.

While still at school he played with the men of Stanway Rovers, his local village team.

From there he progressed to Colchester Casuals — the best amateur team in the area — and also played for the Essex Army Cadets. That's where he first came to the attention of Ted Fenton, the West Ham manager at the time.

But a lot was to happen before Bond and Fenton were to forge a lasting partnership. For no professional club showed an immediate interest when he left school — so he had to suffer the chore of finding himself a job.



John Bond the player, in action for West Ham United at Upton Park in 1964.

PIEMAN BOND

He was fixed up with his brother, Roland, at an engineering works in the area — and confesses he was not exactly overjoyed at the idea of it.

"I had no interest in the job at all," he says. "All I wanted to do was mess around — and that was to cost me the job."

"My idea of fun was to turn the hose on people who were in the toilet! They did not share the joke for some reason, and I was kicked out of the door."

"Then I turned my immense talents to a job as a hot water fitter. I was just as useless at that — and got the sack there as well."

"Then I really hit the jackpot — getting work delivering meat pies to local shops and pubs. What a big deal!"

Ted Fenton, the man who signed Bond for West Ham to end his meat pie delivery round!



"The best thing about that for me was that it provided a hot snack whenever I wanted one. As we stopped at one place I would jam a pie between the engine and the manifold of the van — so it would be nice and hot to eat by the time we reached the next place!

"I was hardly the biggest success the meat pie business has ever seen and the way things were going there was a good chance I would complete my 'hat-trick' by getting the sack from there as well.

"But at that time I just could not have cared less. That's the sort of attitude I had at the time ... totally irresponsible."

But Bond was making steady progress at his first love — football. He was giving everything he had as a full-back with Colchester Casuals and did so well that Ted Fenton began to pay close interest in the powerful, big-kicking lad he had first seen in action with the Army Cadets.

Bond was unaware of just how big an impression he was making on Fenton. And he found out, right out of the blue, while delivering his pies in the Essex countryside.

"I will never forget it to this day," he recalls. "We stopped at a place



SACKED TWICE— BECAUSE OF FOOTBALL!

owned by a Mr Noonan and as I got out of the van he told me to ring my brother straightaway.

"Wondering what was up I hurried to do it — and could hardly believe it when he told me he had a letter from Ted Fenton asking me to go and see him with a view to signing as a professional for West Ham.

"Go and see him? I'd have walked there on my hands for a chance like that, and I told my brother I was going straight back to the depot to hand my notice in.

'Disappointed'

"He advised me to hold on in case nothing came of it and I should end up bitterly disappointed and with no job to turn back to. But I would not listen and I quit there and then.

"I had to travel to London to meet Ted Fenton and Charlie Paynter on the following Monday morning. And that was quite an experience. For I was just turned 17-years-old and had never moved from out in the 'sticks' where I was born and brought up.

"And I had been earning such a pittance in my previous jobs, just a few shillings, I did not even have an overcoat to attend the most important meeting of my life.



Preparing to take his place on the bench as manager of Manchester City.



"I had to borrow one from my brother. A smart black one it was and I really felt the part as I caught the train down to London.

"I went completely on my own as well. Quite a change from the present day, when lads I want to sign now bring their parents, and even advisers, with them.

"It has to be one of the shortest interviews on record. I walked in to meet Mr Fenton and Mr Paynter, was offered £6 a week — and signed like a shot.

"It was the happiest moment of my life and I'm sure my feet never touched the ground as I went back to Colchester to break the great news to my family.

"At last I was doing something that really mattered to me. No more working in factories or flog-

ging meat pies. It was a dream come true."

Before Bond could make a big impression at West Ham he had another engagement to fulfil. For that was in the days of National Service and he received an offer he could not really refuse — to join the Army.

He went into the RAOC at Bicester, Oxfordshire, for what he now describes as two of the best years of his life.

"Naturally all the discipline and bull came as a shock to me at first. I was not used to being ordered about, to doing everything on the double, and resented it at first," he says.

'Consequences'

"But you don't get too many choices at a time like that. You either toe the line or face the consequences. I knuckled down and what followed shaped my character for future life."

Bond played regularly for the battalion team at Bicester, as well as earning honours with the British Army team as his soccer career began to flourish.

Chased by Stoke City's Jimmy McIlroy, John Bond shows his paces for West Ham near the end of his playing days.

Bond meets Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw before last season's F.A. Cup Final at Wembley (below).

And it was while at Bicester that John had another experience that was to profoundly affect his future life. He met Janet, an attractive, charming local girl who was to become the future Mrs John Bond.

In March, 1953, Bond was demobbed to launch full-time into a career that was to take him to the very top of the football ladder.

As a West Ham player, John Bond won many of the game's top honours, and in his subsequent career as a soccer manager, he has proved himself to be one of the best in the business.

In next week's issue we trace the rise of John Bond, and relive the highlights and disappointments that have combined to make his one of the most famous names in the game.

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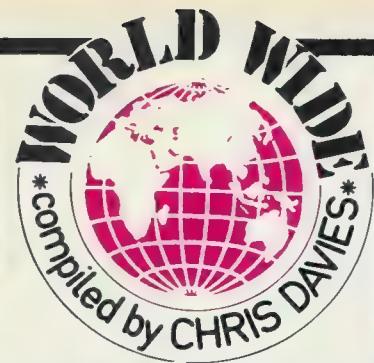
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IN the Belgian League campaign just ended, everything was up, including admission prices — except attendances. In the First Division there were 100 penalties awarded, against 72 last season; 518 yellow cards (471 last season); and 334 goals compared to last season's 853. But the overall average attendance fell from 10,576 per game to 10,350.



CRUYFF FIASCO

JOHAN Cruyff's return to European football with Spanish Second Division side Levante proved to be a complete fiasco, and both Levante and Cruyff finished last season with serious problems.

Remember how Levante pipped Leicester City for Cruyff's signature by offering him a hefty fee plus a percentage of gate receipts?

The Dutchman made his debut on March 1st, Levante won 1-0 to stay third in the table, gate receipts were tripled, and everybody seemed happy.

But things soon began to go wrong...

Mar 8 Levante lose 1-0 to lowly Granada and drop two places

15 They struggle to a 1-0 home win over humble Baracaldo

22 Levante lose 1-0 to Alaves. On the eve of the match Cruyff hears his wife is ill and rushes back to Valencia

29 Disaster strikes as Levante plummet 2-4 at home to Malaga. During the week, manager Pachin had been sacked ("I can't work

in a club with two bosses — me and him") and replaced by Joaquin Rife

Apr 5 A 2-0 defeat in Cadiz sends the side down to 10th place. Cruyff, injured, watches from the stand

12 The Dutchman claims he hasn't been paid, but agrees to play in the home game against Oviedo. A 2-2 draw

19 Grim 0-0 draw against Rayo Vallecano

26 Promotion hopes revived by 3-2 win v Atletico Madrileno

May 3 Levante beat League leaders Castellon 1-0. Yellow card for Cruyff

6 Beaten 0-5 in Cup by Sporting Gijon

10 Levante lose 3-1 to tail-enders Linares, making promotion impossible

17 A surprise 0-2 home defeat by lowly Huelva provokes an official investigation into a possible bribes scandal involving certain key Levante players, including the goalkeeper

21 Manager Rife suffers serious

accident and will be out of action for six months

24 Cruyff refuses to travel to Santander for the final League match against Racing Santander (Racing needed a win to secure promotion and their rivals are furious about Cruyff's absence) alleging that he's injured. Instead he plays in a testimonial for Asensi in Barcelona, is injured, and immediately goes for an operation in a Barcelona clinic. Levante are furious that they weren't even told

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Gamesmanship backfires

UNBELIEVABLE incident during the Uruguayan League clash between Rampla Juniors and Liverpool, when the visitors' goalkeeper Miguel Angel Ortiz (renowned as a real 'character') found a Rampla striker clean through and about to shoot at goal.

But instead of trying to save, Ortiz brought the striker to a standstill by

imitating the referee's whistle!

Unfortunately, his play misfired because a team-mate who'd been pursuing the Rampla striker was also fooled by the mock whistle and picked the ball up.

The referee was somewhat puzzled by this turn of events, but had no alternative but to award a penalty. Rampla scored from the spot and went on to win 3-0.



£70,000 pay-off

GEORG SCHWARZENBECK, the Bayern Munich stopper, hung up his boots after playing in his benefit match in Munich.

He collected a £70,000 cheque from gate receipts for the Bayern-World Cup XI game that ended 6-4.

Paul Breitner, the Bayern captain, played against his present side along with former stars like Gunter Netzer, Uli Hoeneß and Jupp Heynckes who are all now managers or coaches in the Bundesliga.

MILJAN MILJANIC, manager of the Yugoslav national team, has convinced his F.A. that they can reach Spain if he is allowed to keep a settled team. At his request the F.A. have agreed to ban transfers to foreign clubs of 30 players. Miljanic needs until after the World Cup.

Africa's Footballer of the year is 34-year-old Jean Manga Onguene from Cameroun. He plays for Canon FC of Yaounde who are the holders of the African Champions Cup. This is the third time in the last six years that the African player of the year has come from Cameroun.

The Spanish authorities estimate that additional security precautions and crowd control procedures during next year's World Cup Finals will cost over £1,000,000.

Ruud Geels, centre-forward of Sparta (Rotterdam) is Holland's top League scorer with 22 goals from 34 games, taking the title for the fifth time.

A couple of shock transfers involving international players in France. St-Etienne have sold their winger Jaques Zimako to Sochaux, and Lyon's international midfielder Jean Tigana has signed a five-year contract with Bordeaux.

Ralf Loose, captain of West Germany's Youth team that won the U.E.F.A. Youth Cup for the first time, beating Poland 1-0 in the Final, set a new record of 35 Youth caps for his country. Loose, who is now 18, has signed a four-year contract with Borussia Dortmund after three years with them as an amateur.

Fenerbahce, Turkey's best known club, beat a European XI 3-0 in Istanbul with Johan Cruyff the big crowd-puller. The match was staged to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the Turkish republic.

Tibor's gold

TIBOR NYILASI, captain of Hungary, has won the Adidas Golden Shoe award. His 30 goals for Ferencvaros put him one ahead of Bayern Munich's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge; the Pole, Andrzej Szarmach, who plays in France for Auxerre, was third with 28.

STILL hoping to clinch a place in the '82 World Cup Finals, Cuba brought their team to Europe to gain vital experience. But they were beaten 5-0 by East Germany. The Cuban team is looked after by joint managers, the Hungarian coach Tibor Ivanics and the Cuban who will take over eventually, Santiago Ortiz.

River can't afford Mario

VALENCIA have reached an agreement with River Plate to extend their payments on the £1,600,000 transfer of Mario Kempes.

River are in dire financial straits, made even worse by the pesos' nose-dive against the dollar, and were simply unable to maintain the monthly instalments of £130,000. They rushed a couple of spokesmen to Spain, and Valencia have now agreed to halve the repayments and double the time limit.

In the short-term this is good news for River's harried treasurer, but in the longer-term, the new deal will cost the Argentine club an extra £130,000 in interest.

DUTCH clubs have faced enormous losses over the past season and, as in England, the clubs have economised by giving many players a free transfer in an effort to compensate for their poor attendances.

Quite a few Dutch players have found clubs in the USA and other developing soccer countries and surprisingly, no less than 17 Dutchmen are now playing as professionals in Hong Kong.

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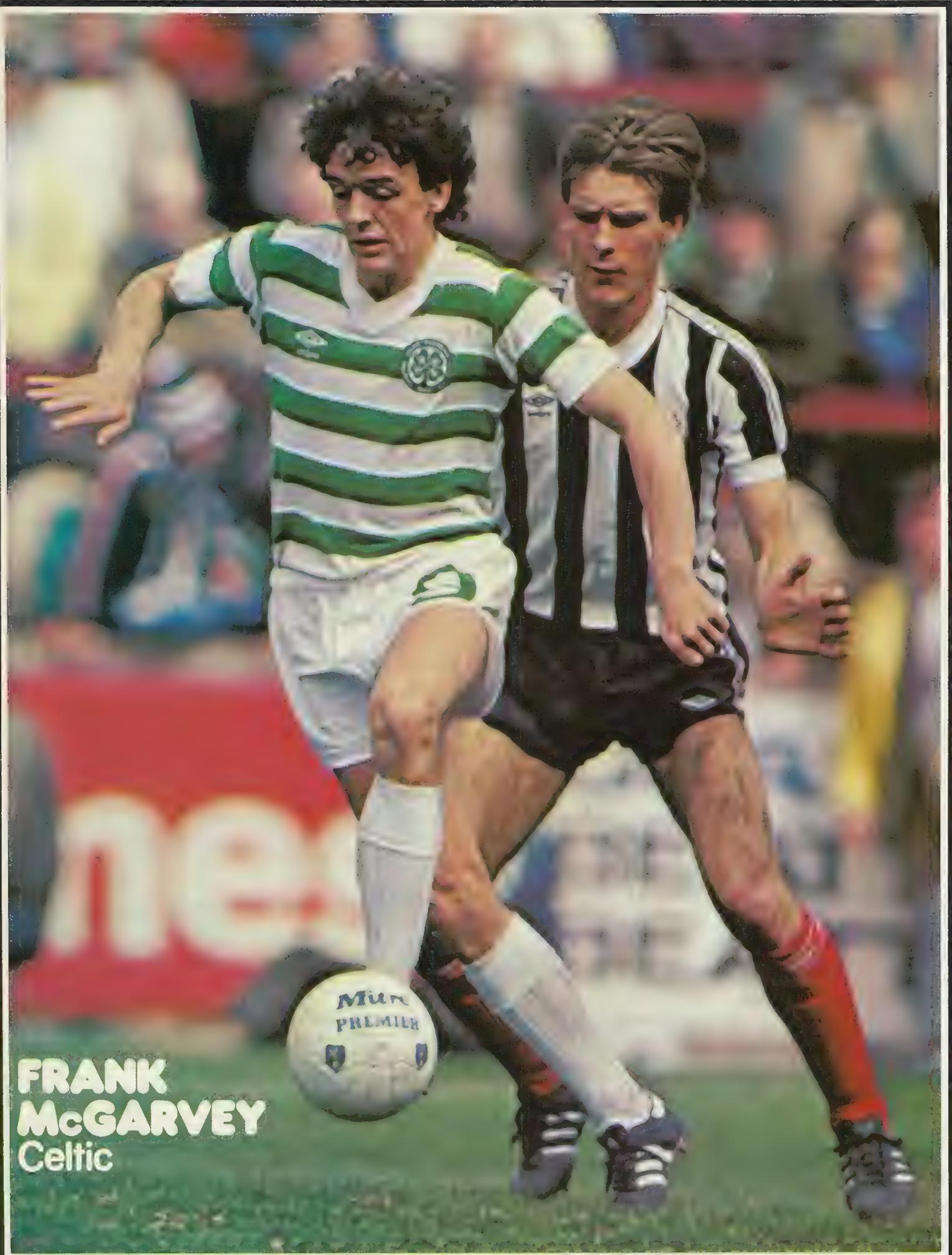
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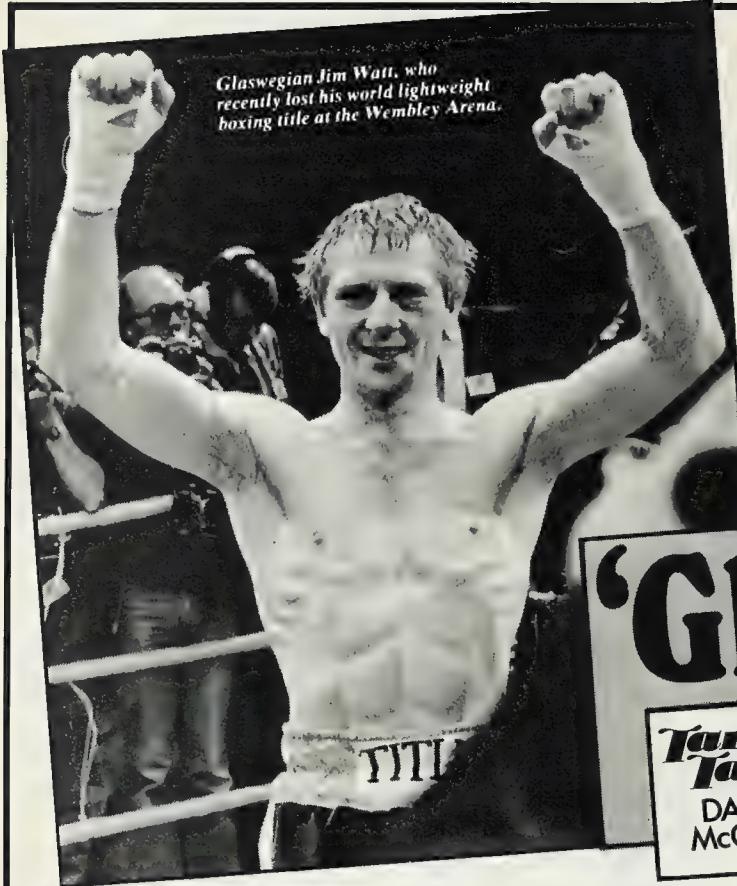


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SHOOT!



Nin the London district of Wembley where a thousand legends of triumph and torment in Scottish sporting history have been born, one of our great eras ended last month.

That was when Jim Watt lost his lightweight boxing championship of the world to the American — Nicaraguan Alexis Arguello — in the arena rather than the stadium, of course.

I like to include myself in Jim's army of fans and was sorry to miss his last fight as Champion because I was holidaying in the Mediterranean sunshine. But I do know that football did have its representatives there to give him a bit of verbal support, including Rangers' manager John Greig.

It was sad to see Jim losing, but he lost to a great boxer and no one would even suggest that JW, who has been a great Champ through six world title fights, had let anyone down.

Indeed it became the friendly

abdication with everyone full of praise for new Champion Arguello and our man from Glasgow . . . but back to that in a moment.

Meanwhile in New Zealand, Scotland's rugby team were given a real going over in their final Test match.

But there, too, Scotland were praised in defeat with critics pointing out how Andy Irvine and his men had extended the hand of sporting friendship to cement relationships on the other side of the world.

Danny McGrain contributes to the downfall of Hearts last season.

Now all of this is just fine and I couldn't approve more. But I wonder if we would have had the same reaction had our football team recorded the same result.

The Scottish football team made new friends and crossed old borders in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina . . . but I don't remember anyone saying "Well done, chaps" when our boys came home.

It is a fact of life that in Scotland football is looked upon in a way in which no other sport is treated.

It is all to do with a passion for the game which simply doesn't exist in boxing or rugby, no matter what the supporters of these sports might say in their own defence.

You can be sure that something is going to rock the scene in the summer months and this time it was Hearts who won a boardroom revolution and lost a manager.

Huge new cash sums and a new board were injected into the famous old Edinburgh club in an effort to bring about the great old days when Heart of Midlothian were up there with — and sometimes above Celtic and Rangers.

And then boss Bobby Moncur packed it in.

It meant that within a year both the Edinburgh clubs had new bosses, for Hibs brought in Bertie Auld from Partick Thistle earlier in

'Glorious Scots, in defeat'

Tartan Talk
DANNY
McGRAIN

the season to take over from Willie Ormond.

I hope the new era of Hearts does them proud. The Scottish game needs the Tynecastle club, for potentially they have a big support and the game needs every customer it can get.

Hearts should be in the top flight chasing a European place every season instead of playing their soccer in a ghost ground.

Let's hope the new manager is a Hearts pace-maker.

See you in two weeks when my holidays will be well and truly over and I will be staring the prospect of pre-season training straight between the eyes. Ouch!

Danny McGrain

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This week's Star Letter comes from A. J. Fisher of Middlesbrough, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

I LIVE opposite a playing field and often, in the evenings, look out to see what's happening.

During the winter months football was played continuously, Sunday afternoons and weekends especially.

This happened up until a few weeks ago when golf was televised a great deal on television, the PGA Sun Alliance and then the Dunlop Masters.

Practically overnight football boots were hung up and children of all ages, using a varied assortment of 'golf clubs', walked around the field trying to hit the ball like Nick Faldo and Greg Norman.

The cricket season has started and is televised regularly.

The golf clubs were given back to dad or put away and cricket bats and stumps were found and are now getting a lot of use.

When Wimbledon started its television coverage, tennis replaced the game played at the moment!

All these sport changes are practically dictated by television.

Perhaps, as television can make youngsters enthusiastic, if the England team watched football matches it might make them play better?

On last season's performances only a re-run of the Hungary game would have the right effect!

Scotland the better

UNTIL this year, Scottish fans have acquired a terrible reputation for their behaviour at Wembley — that's sad, but the condemnation is justified. However, it must be remembered that this particular fixture attracts many fringe supporters and hangers on. Most, though not all, have Scottish accents, but aren't representative of the type of support Scotland receive at most away games.

There has been no trouble anywhere in Europe in recent memory (nor in Argentina in 1978).

Conversely, England have a sizeable core of dedicated thugs who debase their country's name wherever they go.

O.K., so no one's got the copyright on nut-cases, and there's no point in crowing over England for its own sake — but we're sick of getting criticised unjustifiably by the English media, and it's about time someone put the record straight.

Scotland have better, and better behaved supporters than England.

ALAN HUTCHESON,
GLASGOW.

I was pleased to see the F.A. refused to accept any tickets for England's forthcoming World Cup tie in Norway. My big fear is that many of the thugs who made it to Switzerland will somehow get over to Oslo.

Pen-Pal

I AM a 16-year-old girl from Sweden. I want pen friends from Great Britain, girls and boys over 14 who support Manchester United and preferably live in Manchester.

Other hobbies include sport, music, travelling, animals, etc.

LOUISE WESTERBERG,
TORGGATEN 26 MUNKSUND,
94142 PITEA, SWEDEN.

Thanks Alan, but . . .

I AM sure many Stoke fans like myself, felt very sad when the news broke that Alan Durban was leaving Stoke to manage Sunderland.

He has left Stoke in a very good position and I am sure that every Stoke

England, should be recalled.

Up front, Garth Crooks, Peter Withe and Peter Barnes should be brought together. Such a formation would be similar to the one each plays at club level so well.

This team would be a traditional English team, with skill, pace and running. It could do well in Spain.

Unfortunately, Ron Greenwood is too much of a purist, however I can't see his present team succeeding.

ALAN YOUNG,
NEWTON STEWART.

• He's also too good a manager to pick such a poor side.



'Perfect' Hoddle

THE thought that Glenn Hoddle may be leaving Spurs soon grieves me deeply.

I watched every one of Tottenham's home games last season, plus many away ones, and in every match Glenn's class stood out.

He fits perfectly into our side which now has been successful in gaining a major honour and I am sure we could not find a replacement to match him.

Must the game always revolve around money with all the loyalty gone completely?

I sincerely hope the prospect of European soccer with Spurs will keep Glenn at White Hart Lane for at least one more season.

M. J. SIMMONDS,
SAWBRIDGEWORTH.

• I believe Glenn will stay. What frustrates him most, I think, is the fact he still hasn't really broken through into the England team.



Purist Greenwood

RON GREENWOOD'S side may have won in Hungary, but England's problems are just beginning.

An ageing defence, confused midfield and muddled attack will not be successful in Spain, should England reach the Finals.

It is in the centre of the defence that Greenwood has most problems. Dave Watson (above, with Greenwood) has lost his sense of timing in the tackle. The ideal replacement would be Steve Perryman, a thorough professional.

In midfield Bryan Robson and Glenn Hoddle are "musts". On the right side, Brian Talbot, a man who would die for

PLEASE do not belittle the English players. Be thankful that you have such a rich tradition on which to base your standards. Whether I am right or wrong I think English football is the greatest and will remain so in my mind. Put the British Isles together and you have football as good as any place in the world.

I have the NASL over here, but I only see the shadows of the once great players that graced the pitch at Wembley and Europe.

Please, fans, give the players your support, cheer them on, and don't get down on them.

They are playing in the most physical League in the world.

JOHN J. STEAD,
LAKE PARK, USA.

• Strange how English football is often more appreciated abroad.



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No goals

Has any Football League side ever gone ten consecutive games without conceding a goal?

ROY GALLAGHER,
ORPINGTON.

• There may be more, Roy — but I can certainly quote you a couple.

Both went one better — 11 games on the trot — with a defensive clean-sheets.

They were Millwall, in the old Third Division (South) in the 1925-26 season, and York, in the modern Third Division, in 1973-74.

Wembley o.g.'s

How many own-goals have been scored in F.A. Cup Finals at Wembley?

OTHMAN TAJIR,
MALAYSIA.

• Since the first Wembley Final in 1923, Othman, there have been only three — all since the last War.

They were scored by Bert Turner (Charlton) for Derby, in 1946; by Mick McGrath (Blackburn) for Wolves, in 1960; and by Tommy Hutchison (Manchester City) for Spurs last season.

But the real oddity is that both Turner and Hutchison also scored for their own side in the same game — Turner within a minute.

Birthday win

How did my favourite team, Ipswich, get on the day I was born — 24th February, 1968?

HANIF DAMJI,
TANZANIA.

• Not bad, Hanif, they beat Cardiff 4-2 in a Second Division game.

It gave them two of the 59 points they earned to become Champions, and gain promotion to the First, at the end of the season.

SHORT PASSES

• The 12 original Football League clubs in 1888 were Accrington, Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Derby County, Everton, Notts County, Preston North End, Stoke, West Bromwich Albion, and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

(MARK MATHER, Wimborne)

• Charlton's record home gate is 75,031 (v. Aston Villa; F.A. Cup Fifth Round, 12th February, 1938).

(SIMON PRINGLE, Durham)

• Mick Mills made his full England debut in the 1-1 Wembley draw v. Yugoslavia on the 11th October, 1972.

(JONATHAN BROOKS, Ipswich)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

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LIVERPOOL LOSE GROUND

FEBRUARY 3

It's just not Malcolm Allison's season! Earlier he's been chopped by both Manchester City and Palace, and now non-League Yeovil — whom he's currently handling — are booted-out of the F.A. Trophy by Hastings.

FEBRUARY 6

Dario Gradi, from Wimbledon, is Palace's fourth team-boss this season.

FEBRUARY 7

It's beginning to look like a two-horse race for the League title. Ipswich and Villa each win again, while Liverpool go down at West Bromwich (below) — so the Champions now find themselves six points adrift of both.



FEBRUARY 10

It's League Champions Liverpool — bidding for the only major domestic trophy they've never won — against F.A. Cup-holders West Ham in the League Cup Final next month.

WORLD CUP WARNING

FEBRUARY 1

Sam Goodwin resigns as manager of Second Division Albion Rovers. Rangers' boss John Greig quits the Managers and Coaches Association in the aftermath of the Nicoll row.

FEBRUARY 3

Injured Aberdeen star Gordon Strachan (right) is ruled out of Scotland's World Cup game with Israel.

FEBRUARY 4

Israel hand out a World Cup warning to Jock Stein and his players with a 1-0 win over Austria in Tel Aviv.

FEBRUARY 7

Rangers' striker Colin McAdam is

FEBRUARY 11

It's a long way to go to Tokyo for just one match but that's what Nottingham Forest do for the World Club Championship staged there. Unfortunately for Clough's lads, a single goal from South American Champs Nacional of Montevideo robs them of glory in a rather moderate season.

FEBRUARY 14

Forest recover from the jet-lag of their long midweek trip to put struggling Bristol City out of the F.A. Cup — but not before the shock of being a goal down at home until the 83rd minute. Third Division Exeter do it again — embarrassing former great Cup-fighters Newcastle to a scrambled home 1-1 draw.

FEBRUARY 15

New day and new pitch! Sunday soccer returns — and Darlington are delighted to double their normal gate to nearly 6,000 for their Fourth Division game with Mansfield. And Q.P.R. confirm they'll be laying an expensive all-weather artificial pitch in time for the start of next season.

FEBRUARY 17

A single Eamonn O'Keeffe replay goal in extra-time against

A month-by-month review of the past season in England and Scotland.

Southampton (below) is enough to give Everton an F.A. Cup passport into the Sixth Round for a home tie with Manchester City. Palace plunge deeper into relegation trouble when they're beaten 3-0 at home by Coventry. Meanwhile Ipswich consolidate their position at the top with a 1-0 win over Middlesbrough.



FEBRUARY 18

Famed Cup-conquerors (of the past) Newcastle suffer a humiliating replay defeat as Third Division Exeter slam them 4-0 to earn a plum money-spinning Sixth Round tie at favourites Tottenham.

FEBRUARY 21

Another shock for Liverpool. They're two-down after only eight minutes at lowly Brighton — even though they regain their poise to recover later for a point. Leaders Ipswich are also shocked at home by a third-minute Andy Gray goal, but hit back for a 3-1 win over Wolves to preserve their two-point lead at the top. *Black note:* Soccer sendings-off reach their fastest-ever century — with two more dismissals bringing the season's total up to 101. This time last term the tally was 84.

FEBRUARY 23

More trouble for poor old Malcolm Allison. "Big Mal" — previously axed as Manchester City and Palace boss — is put out of a job for the third time this season when non-League Yeovil appoint Jimmy Giles as their player-manager.

FEBRUARY 24

Former Q.P.R. and England skipper Gerry Francis returns to his old club — Terry Venables' fourth signing from Palace since he left them to become Rangers' manager in October.

FEBRUARY 25

Kenny Dalglish grabs the golden goal — only one of the game — in Tel Aviv by which Scotland gain a vital two World Cup points against Israel. They're now level-pegging with Portugal on five points each at the top of the Group Six table.

FEBRUARY 28

Ipswich enjoy a 4-0 win at Coventry but Villa's 1-0 triumph (Peter Withe celebrates, below) at Wolves still keeps the lead to only two points. Kevin Keegan gets a warm welcome from The Kop — but his Southampton side are beaten 2-0 by Liverpool. West Ham's 2-1 victory at Watford sees them topping the Second Division table by eight points.



FEBRUARY TABLE-TOPPERS

Div 1:
Ipswich (48 pts)
Aston Villa (46)
Liverpool (40)

Div 2:
West Ham (49)
Notts County (41)
Sheffield Wednesday (36)

Div 3:
Charlton (47)
Rotherham (46)
Huddersfield (43)

Div 4:
Southend (53)
Lincoln (49)
Doncaster (42)

FEBRUARY TABLE-PROPPERS

Div 1:
Norwich (22)
Leicester (21)
Crystal Palace (15)

Div 2:
Shrewsbury (24)
Bristol City (22)
Bristol Rovers (16)

Div 3:
Carlisle (27)
Blackpool (24)
Hull (21)

Div 4:
Port Vale (24)
Halifax (23)
Hereford (23)

involved in an off field incident at Tannadice when he is a spectator as Rangers lose 2-1.

FEBRUARY 11

Rangers announce that they have fined McAdam two weeks' wages for his misconduct.

FEBRUARY 14

A last minute goal from Ian Redford keeps Rangers in the Cup when it gives them a 3-3 draw with St Johnstone.

FEBRUARY 16

Jock Stein names a no-shock squad for the match in Israel.

FEBRUARY 18

Rangers beat St Johnstone easily in their Cup replay at Ibrox with goals from Colin McAdam (two) and Gregor Stevens giving them a 3-1 win.

FEBRUARY 19

Crisis-ridden Hearts decide on a clear out — eight players are placed on the transfer list by boss Bobby Moncur.

FEBRUARY 21

Celtic get their first Old Firm victory of the season, winning 3-1 against their oldest rivals at Celtic Park.

FEBRUARY 22

World Cup fever mounts as the Scots fly out to Tel Aviv.

FEBRUARY 24

As tension grows Stein names Spurs' Steve Archibald to team up with Kenny Dalglish while Andy Gray is on the bench.

FEBRUARY 25

Dalglish scores the goal which gives Scotland the victory so essential to their chances of being in Spain.



MIXED EURO FORTUNES FOR BRITAIN



MARCH 1

Sunday soccer comes back to London — with Orient more than doubling their last home gate for the Second Division game with Luton.

MARCH 3

Forest defender Larry Lloyd takes over his first administrative job as player-manager of Wigan.

MARCH 4

Mixed fortunes for Britain in the Euro competitions. A superb Souness hat-trick sparks-off a thumping 5-1 first-leg win for Liverpool over CSKA Sofia in the Champions Cup Quarter-Finals. In the Cup-Winners' Cup, though, high-flying West Ham are blasted 4-1 at home by Dinamo Tbilisi — though Newport claim a creditable 2-2 draw away to Carl Zeiss Jena. But perhaps the result of the night is Ipswich's splendid 4-1 away defeat of St.-Etienne in the U.E.F.A. Cup (below).



MARCH 5

Alan Ball is back with Southampton, the club he left a year ago for his ill-fated Third Division venture as Blackpool's player-manager.

MARCH 7

The F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists should now have been known — but three of the four Sixth Round ties end all-square. Only Spurs, who beat giantkillers Exeter 2-0, are definitely through. But two sides leave it until the dying minutes to force a replay — Ipswich at Forest, and Manchester City at Everton.

DONS FAIL TO BEAT DEADLINE

MARCH 2

Northern Ireland boss Billy Bingham admits: "We are up against it — and I think the Scots will qualify."

MARCH 5

Hibs prepare for their biggest test under Bertie Auld's management — a Scottish Cup-tie against Rangers at Ibrox. Auld takes them to Largs for the pre-match build up.

MARCH 7

No build up is able to help Hibs and they crash 3-1 to a Rangers' team which has that Cup winning look about them.

the first three places — with John Wark followed by Frans Thijssen and Paul Mariner. Their main rival for the League title, Villa, claim the "Young Player of the Year" in Gary Shaw.

MARCH 10

It's "Double-Dutch" for Ipswich! First, on Saturday, Frans Thijssen got the 83rd minute equaliser at Forest to keep them in the F.A. Cup — and now Arnold Muhren gets the only goal of the replay. And, in another replay, Wolves overcome Middlesbrough 3-1 after extra-time (above).

MARCH 11

The third drawn Cup-tie is settled — when two goals from defender Bobby McDonald set Manchester City on the way to beating Everton 3-1.

MARCH 12

Crystal Palace midfielder Peter Nicholas crosses London to join Arsenal.

MARCH 14

It's a grandstand Wembley finish for the League Cup Final. With just two minutes of extra-time left, it's still a goalless stalemate. Then Alan Kennedy shoots Liverpool into a controversial lead — only to see West Ham's Ray Stewart equalise from the penalty-spot with the last kick of the game.

MARCH 15

In the annual P.F.A. ballot for the "Player of the Year", Ipswich claim

MARCH 18

A 1-0 win in Bulgaria gives Liverpool a massive 6-1 aggregate over CSKA Sofia to reach the European Cup Semi-Finals. In the Cup-Winners' Cup, West Ham bravely beat Dinamo Tbilisi 1-0 away — but are never in with a real chance of overcoming that 4-1 first-leg deficit. And the Newport dream is over as they go down 1-0 at home to Carl Zeiss Jena. In the U.E.F.A. Cup, rampaging Ipswich march on — beating St.-Etienne 3-1.

MARCH 19

England and West Germany are locked together in the Semi-Finals of European club competitions. In the Champions Cup, Liverpool are paired with Bayern Munich, while Ipswich come up against Tony Woodcock's Cologne in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

MARCH 21

Sack-threatened Dave Sexton sees his rejuvenated Manchester United side dent Ipswich's title hopes with a win more convincing than the 2-1 scoreline. Second-placed Villa go down 2-0 at Tottenham — while Southampton, who've edged up almost unnoticed into third place, strengthen their late bid with a 1-0 win over Middlesbrough.

MARCH 24

Sad note for London soccer fans. Bob Wall, who gave 50 years of devoted service to Arsenal, dies at the age of 68. One-club man Mr Wall rose from office-boy to director.

MARCH 25

It's the old "One-Two" as Spain's seniors win 2-1 (top of page) in a friendly at Wembley, and their "B" side repeat the dose 3-2 in Granada in an unhappy night for England. Scotland and Northern Ireland draw 1-1 at Hampden in a World Cup-tie while, in another Group, Wales' 1-0 win in Turkey sees them go top. But Ipswich can't keep out of the news — John Wark scores his 33rd goal of the season in the Scotland match, while Arnold Muhren scores the only goal of the game by which Holland beat France in Rotterdam.



MARCH 28

Ipswich (4-1 v. Sunderland), and Villa (2-1 v. Southampton), both win to prelude what could be one of the tightest League finishes for years. Villa are only a point behind, but Ipswich have a vital game in hand. And Notts County draw at fellow promotion hopefuls Blackburn, and now look a pretty fair bet for the First Division.

MARCH 31

In his playing-days at Leeds, Allan Clarke knew the stress-and-strain of going for three top trophies simultaneously. Now, as manager of the club, he must have spared a thought for Ipswich as they are thumped 3-0 at Elland Road to make a big dent in their Championship hopes.

MARCH TABLE-TOPPERS

Div 1:
Ipswich (52 pts)
Aston Villa (51)
Nottingham Forest (44)

Div 2:
West Ham (53)
Notts County (44)
Grimsby (41)

Div 3:
Charlton (54)
Rotherham (50)
Huddersfield (47)

Div 4:
Southend (59)
Lincoln (55)
Doncaster (48)

MARCH TABLE-PROPPERS

Div 1:
Leicester (26)
Norwich (25)
Crystal Palace (16)

Div 2:
Preston (28)
Bristol City (24)
Bristol Rovers (22)

Div 3:
Swindon (33)
Blackpool (27)
Hull (24)

Div 4:
Halifax (29)
York (28)
Hereford (24)

MARCH 9

The draw is made for the Semi-Final and Old Firm giants Celtic and Rangers are kept apart. Celtic are drawn to meet Dundee United at Hampden while Rangers meet the winners of the Morton-Clydebank match at Celtic Park.

MARCH 11

Former Partick Thistle, Celtic and Scotland striker Joe Craig comes home — to Hamilton Accies from Blackburn Rovers. He rejoins one time Thistle boss Dave McParland at Hamilton.

MARCH 13

Aberdeen try to buy Tony Fitzpatrick from Bristol City but their bid of £150,000 is rejected.

MARCH 15

While Aberdeen failed to beat the transfer deadline, Rangers' manager John Greig swoops with 24 hours to

spare. He signs goalkeeper Jim Stewart from Middlesbrough for £110,000.

MARCH 16

After a second replay Morton crush First Division Clydebank. Now they face Rangers in the Semi.

MARCH 18

Jim Stewart debuts for Rangers and loses four goals as the Ibrox team lose 4-1 at home to Dundee United. Gregor Stevens, the Rangers' defender, is sent-off for the third time in the season.

MARCH 22

Scotland gather their pool together for the game against Northern Ireland at Hampden. Kenny Dalglish is out through injury.

MARCH 24

The team is named and Andy Gray is the man to link with Steve Archibald up front.

MARCH 25

Scotland can only draw against the economical and tidy Irishmen and a John Wark equaliser after Billy Hamilton had given Ireland the lead salvages a point. A massive 78,444 are at Hampden.

MARCH 26

The rebel St Mirren shareholders win power at an extraordinary general meeting. The ruling group — responsible for the sacking of Jim Clunie — are ousted in the coup.

MARCH 27

St Mirren manager Ricky McFarlane is given a vote of confidence by the new board of directors.

MARCH 31

Colin McAdam is fined £100 by the SFA for the now notorious Tannadice incident. Meanwhile Celtic warn Everton — "Hands off Charlie Nicholas."

AFUNNY thing happened after we'd beaten Middlesbrough 3-0 towards the end of the season. Ron Saunders closed the dressing-room door and praised the team. Even though it was our best performance of the season, for the boss to do this was totally out of character.

I must admit I don't fully understand him. Perhaps the secret of being a top manager is to keep an air of mystery about you.

The Ron Saunders we see and the one the public sees are somewhat different. His image is that of an unsmiling, hard man, but with the players he lets himself go a bit more and enjoys a laugh and a joke.

I've never seen him really let himself go. It isn't his style. For instance, when we won the title there was never a chance of him jumping in the bath with us or anything like that.

Not for him a champagne celebration at a night club. He had a quiet meal at home with his family. The only luxury he allows himself after a game is his brandy and coke and a cigar.

'ONLY ONCE HAS RON SAUNDERS PRAISED ME'

Sometimes I wish he'd praise me a bit more. I'm the type of player who likes a pat on the back and encouragement, but it never comes. It still works, though, because it makes me try even harder next week to please him.

As an apprentice I was slightly in awe of him. I'd try to avoid him at the training ground and if we passed in the corridor I'd mumble "good morning." Now, we have a much stronger relationship and I owe a lot to the boss.

A couple of years ago there were rumours that Ron Saunders was leaving Villa and a new board could take control. I was just signing professional terms at the time and I dearly wanted the manager and board to stay, because they were the only ones I'd known since I joined the club.

I very much doubt whether Ron Saunders will ever change his ways. He doesn't court publicity and doesn't make rash predictions or put the team under pressure.

Throughout the Championship he remained cool and calm and only when we'd clinched the title did he smile in public. Actually I think I saw him smile twice!

He's still a useful centre-forward and joins in our five-a-side matches.



Goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer was one of Ron Saunders' shrewdest signings, costing just £80,000 when he joined from Arsenal.

Before each match he goes round to the players individually, giving them a pep-talk and reminding them exactly what they must do.

People have the wrong idea about his training methods. I've spoken to the more experienced professionals at the club and they said last year's pre-season training was the easiest they'd known — and look where it got us.

Ron Saunders doesn't rule by fear. All he asks for is 100 per cent commitment at all times, in training and in matches. He sets the right example with his attitude and expects his players to follow suit.

He gave me my chance in the first team and I'll always be grateful for

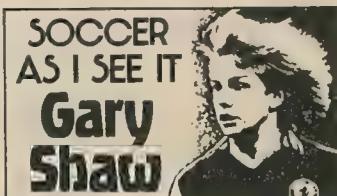
this. It raised a few eyebrows when Andy Gray and John Deehan were sold, but their departure, plus Brian Little's injuries, allowed me to make a breakthrough perhaps earlier than I would have done normally.

The boss has made some shrewd signings from goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer (£80,000) to centre-forward Peter Withe at half a million pounds.

Having won the title, he'll expect us to go out and do it again and when we report back for pre-season training at the end of July no doubt he'll remind us of this.

Join me again in a fortnight.

Bob Wilson
Andy Shaw



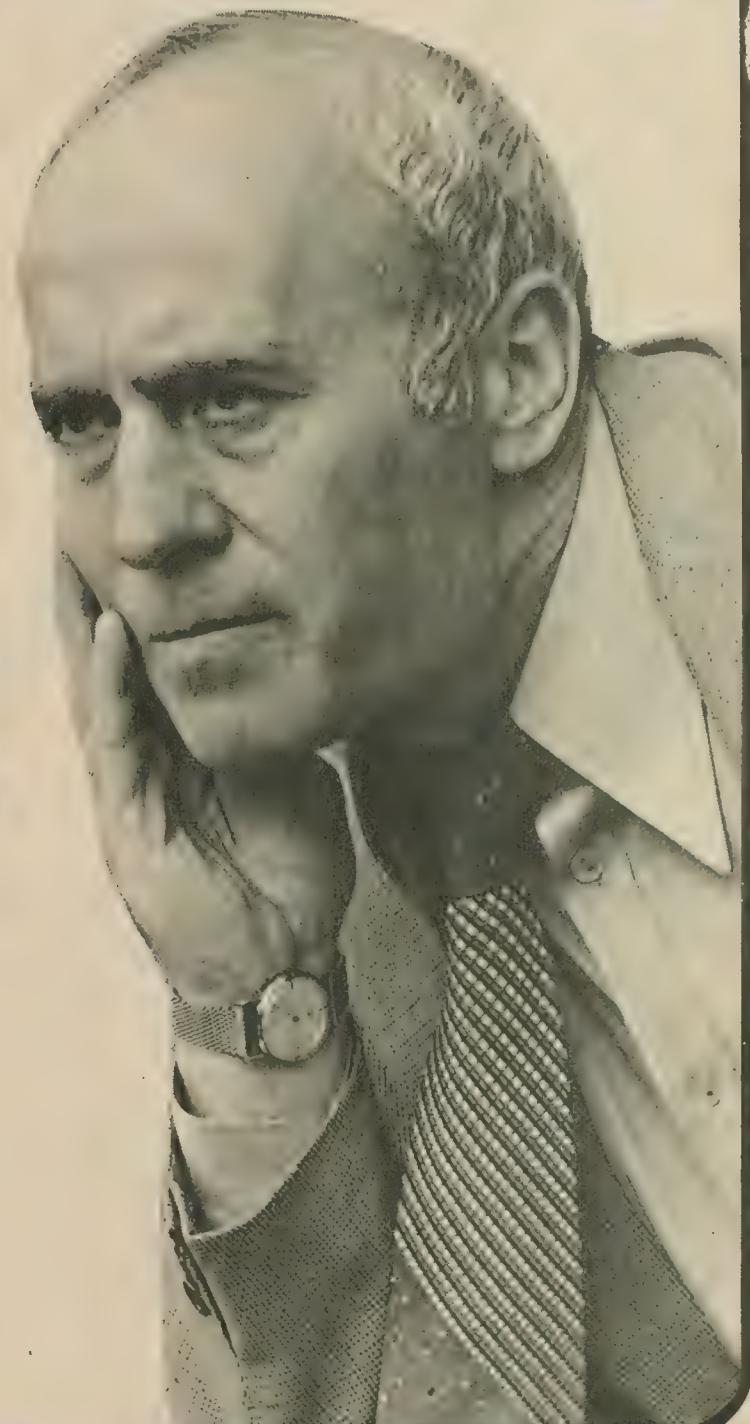
As a former striker he's helped me a lot, although he never asks his players to do anything he didn't during his career.

The boss has worked on my weak points, notably aggression and concentration. His father was a boxer and he makes comparisons between the two sports inasmuch that a footballer should be as nimble on his feet as a boxer.

He ensures that all the publicity I've had hasn't gone to my head. The boss's attitude is that no player is bigger than the club and he's quite right.

He hasn't actually stopped me from doing anything. All he does is to remind me that nothing must ever interfere with my football and Aston Villa FC comes before everything.

I've never seen him lose his temper. Even in defeat he remains calm, just as he doesn't over-react to victory.



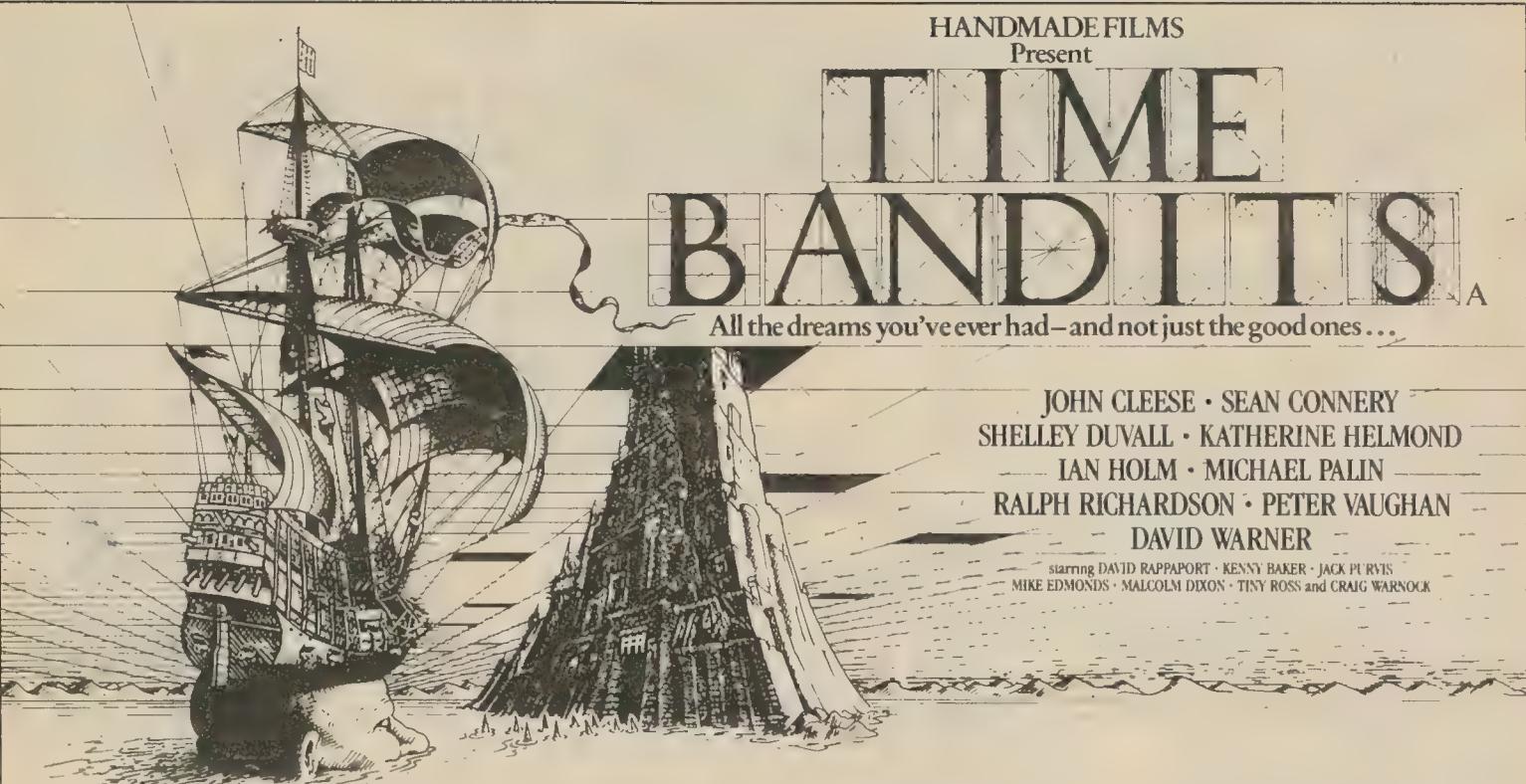
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The GOOD and BAD

'Fighting against relegation — Return of the lost fans'



PAUL HART *Leeds United*

LEEDS made such a dreadful start to the season that at one time they were favourites for relegation.

Says centre-half Paul Hart: "That was the worst part of the season as far as I am concerned. We could never seem to get started and were always scratching for points.

"It seemed as though it was going to be an eternity until the end of the season and that it would be a fight all the way.

"Allan Clarke got us back into winning ways when he took over as manager. But I think we were second from bottom when he arrived and every one at the club was very miserable.

"He did a great job to get everyone's head up and get us playing again. Towards the end of the season, we even got enjoyment back into our game.

"For me, though, the best thing about the season were the big crowds we got in the last few games. I think it was almost 40,000 for the Liverpool game.

"Elland Road has never had really big gates, even in the days of Don Revie when the team were in the running for honours all the time.

"So it was nice to see them flocking back, if only for a few games. Next season we've got to get the fans coming from the first match."

Brian Greenhoff (left) clears the ball for Leeds against Everton during their 1-0 win at Elland Road.

'Sixth Round defeat — Emerging youngsters'

POOR old Middlesbrough have never been past the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup and last season they fell at that hurdle for the sixth time.

Again, as three years ago, they were drawn at home and had high hopes of the Semis, if not Wembley. But they lost in a replay to Wolves.

Says skipper Tony McAndrew: "We failed in the replay, but really we lost it in that first game at Ayresome Park. We wanted to do it for our fans but we froze on the day.

"What made it worse was that we died after that defeat and we couldn't do anything for the rest of the season.

"We thought we had a chance in the Cup this time yet it was in the lad's minds a bit that we hadn't been beyond Round Six before.

"The best thing about the season, though, was that we saw

**TONY
MCANDREW**
Middlesbrough



youngsters like Colin Ross coming through. And Dave Hodgson got into the Under-21 squad, which must be a plus.

"We have got a good youth policy at Middlesbrough and have another fine crop of youngsters coming through.

"They give us hope for the future."

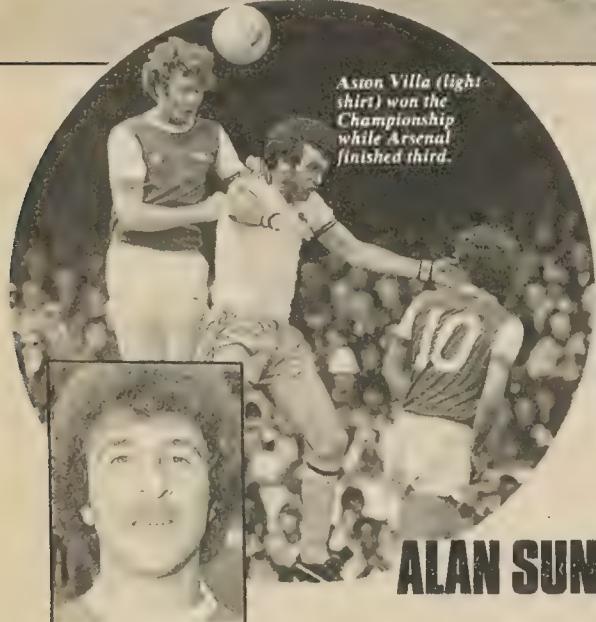
Terry Cochrane (right, dark strip) beats Willie Carr of Wolves in an F.A. Cup Sixth Round game. Wolves eventually won a replay.



of the season



Wark (number 7) hammers in the goal that gives Ipswich Town the U.E.F.A. Cup against Dutch aces AZ67.



ALAN SUNDERLAND

Arsenal

'Two suspensions — Qualifying for Europe'

THERE'S no doubt in Alan Sunderland's mind about the high spot of last season.

The Arsenal striker says: "It has to be qualifying for Europe. There weren't many good times for me last season, I had a pretty disappointing campaign, especially in front of goal."

"But at least we amassed enough points to finish in third place in the League — and a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup."

"That's really important for the club and the fans. And it was particularly satisfying because it had looked as though we were going to fall away towards the end of the season."

"All in all, 1980-81, wasn't good

for me. I didn't score as many goals as I would have liked and it's hard to put your finger on why.

"My biggest disappointment was serving two suspensions.

"I missed the first two games of the season because of a ban from the previous term — and then I collected another 20 points.

"It doesn't help you to get any rhythm going if you're in and out of the team so I was annoyed with myself over that.

"A lot of those bookings were for dissent, so that's something I will have to try and cut out next season."

"It's bad enough missing games through injury without getting suspended as well."

'UEFA Cup win — Losing to Man. City'

FOR John Wark, the day Ipswich won the UEFA Cup was doubly satisfying.

As well as lifting the Cup, Wark scored one of the goals in the second-leg of the Final against Alkmaar in Holland, allowing him to equal the individual goalscoring record in the competition.

Says Wark: "That made it even better for me. But it was also nice to get our hands on a trophy when it had started to look as though we would miss out on all fronts."

Wark doesn't need much time to think about his worst moment of last season, either. It was the day Ipswich lost to Manchester City in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

"What annoyed me more than anything was that about four of our players didn't play at all that day.

"We just didn't do a thing, even though we still had a chance to win. I was one of the few who did quite well but some of the others were dreadful.

"It would have been bearable if we had gone down fighting. Instead, for once, we went down without a struggle — and that is what disappointed me."

'Too much gloom — So many Scots at Wembley'

PARTICK Thistle's Tony Higgins believes critics dwelled too much on the black spots of the season, talking about crowd misbehaviour, bookings, orderings-off, bad refereeing, ridiculous conditions and so on.

"I can see their point on a lot of things," he says "but if this game is to prosper wouldn't it be nice to emphasise the good things in the sport?

"I'm not talking about dodging the issues or turning a blind eye to other matters that may be unsavoury.

"But there is an awful lot of good in football and it would be heartening to see the spotlight

being placed firmly on the loyal, well-behaved fans, the teams who play with flair and style and the players who are a credit to the game.

"On a personal basis, I was delighted to see the huge Scottish army of fans go to Wembley and enjoy the spectacle instead of getting involved in any of the nonsense that has marred more recent clashes between the 'Old Enemy'.

"Those fans were on their best behaviour and I think credit should be given to them."

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- 1 — Scotland;
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- 3 — Bobby Moore.

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BERND SCHUSTER

Europe's fallen hero

A YEAR ago Bernd Schuster was the talk of Europe. The blond West German forward was outstanding in his country's European Championship victory. Europe has been short on superstars and Schuster seemed to have a great future ahead of him. A transfer from Cologne to Barcelona, which took weeks to finally go through because of legal complications, made Schuster rich . . . but his year in Spain has been littered with controversy. Rows and punch-ups with team-mates, walk-outs, refusals to travel away, constant transfer rumours, yellow

cards, suspensions, accusations that he 'hides' away from home . . . there hasn't been a dull moment. Barcelona have appointed a West German coach, Udo Lattek, some say in an effort to get the best out of Schuster. West Germany boss Jupp Derwall is reported to have said he is a little disillusioned with Schuster, despite some brilliant performances for his country. No wonder the Barcelona star was eager to have a few weeks away from it all with his wife Gabi and son Benjamin, even if Schuster did help Barcelona win the Spanish Cup Final recently.

Bernd Schuster first came to prominence when he helped West Germany beat Belgium in the 1980 European Championship Final (above), but since then his performances for Barcelona (far right) have been erratic. However, his role in helping the Catalian club lift the Spanish Cup (top) have helped to endear him to the Barcelona fans and now he can enjoy the Spanish summer with a slightly clearer conscience after at least justifying part of his fee. With his wife Gabi and young son Benjamin, Bernd Schuster is now taking things easy in preparation for next year's World Cup Final, when he hopes to show the Spanish public just what he is really capable of.



BRYAN ROBSON
West Brom





THE team that won the 1980 European Cup for Nottingham Forest has been broken up, but despite the problems surrounding the new side, Forest fans know . . .



The Forest side which successfully lifted the 1980 European Cup.

happen to be Notts County, city rivals and only the throw of a crumpled match-programme across the River Trent, makes it all the more galling for Forest's spoilt and too often unappreciative followers.

Whatever the achievements of the past four seasons — and they have been quite magnificent by any standards — Forest ended 1980-81 empty handed and with too many empty seats in their new, expensive stand.

Somehow, with the budget equal to the purchasing power of Luncheon Vouchers, Jimmy Sirrel has lifted County back into the First Division after an absence of

CLOUGH'LL FIX IT!

AFTER spending millions of pounds on stars and stands, and uttering millions of words about fans, fellow League clubs and the future, Nottingham Forest and their mercurial managerial duo of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor have been upstaged by a club whose best-known players are over 30 and whose ground is held together by history and hope.

The fact that the club in question

55 years, and did so all too often watched by crowds that failed to reach five figures.

Understandably, most football conversation in Nottingham now centres around County's ability to survive in the League's top section.

It is almost taken for granted that Clough's Forest will not only survive, but recapture the form that brought them a League Championship in 1978, the League Cup in 1978 and 1979 and the European Cup in 1979 and 1980.

The best tribute one can pay to Clough and Taylor is that they are now expected to succeed.

Such is the level of greatness they have reached that the folk



Ward

FEW players in the country will face a more demanding challenge when the new season kicks-off than Forest striker Peter Ward.

A year ago he was winning a full England cap when he came on as substitute against Australia in Sydney.

But he dropped out of favour at Brighton and since a £400,000 move to Forest last October his football fortunes maintained an unhappy decline.

He scored just two goals in 16 appearances at the City Ground and there was speculation that Brian Clough might allow him to leave to finance further deals.

But speculation also continues that Clough and his management partner Peter Taylor are still split in



Gary Mills (right) is one of the newcomers at the City Ground. Peter Taylor (below) has a few problems to solve.



who follow Forest have forgotten the barren years from their 1959 F.A. Cup Final win that stretched until Clough took over from Allan Brown and guided them out of Division Two in 1977.

So what has happened at The City Ground? It is as if the long list of managerial sackings and international flops have captured the headlines sufficiently for Forest to engage in a sweeping transformation.

Frustrated

Suddenly, the Forest side that frustrated and foiled Kevin Keegan's Hamburg 1-0 in Madrid in May, 1980, to retain the European Cup is now no more than a statistic in the record books.

They lined up that night as follows: Shilton; Anderson, Lloyd, Burns, Gray; McGovern, Mills, Bowyer, O'Neill; Birtles, Robertson. Twelve months later that fine side is no more.

Peter Shilton, such a key player in those many triumphs, wants to leave the club, a fact he has stated repeatedly, and opted out of England's summer matches because he feels "exhausted and

their opinion about the striker. It was Taylor who was responsible for taking Ward from non-League Burton Albion to Brighton in May, 1975, for a paltry £5,000. Within two years he had set a new club goalscoring record with 32 goals in a season and graduation to the England Under-21 and England 'B' ranks followed before his departure to Forest.

And despite his lack of success at the City Ground, Taylor argues "He's had chances and didn't make the most of them but I've had several discussions with him about his form and commitment and I still feel he can come good."

"When he first arrived at the club he had to convince a lot of people that he could play. The

Frank Gray (below) was sold back to Leeds during the close-season.



Transfer-seeking Peter Shilton insists he will not stay with Forest.



in need of a complete break".

Larry Lloyd, a failed England comeback to spur his decision, has turned to a new challenge, that of managing Fourth Division Wigan Athletic.

Frank Gray, whose left flank understanding with John Robertson was such a threat, as shown when they teamed up again for Scotland in the 1-0 win over England, is back from whence he came, Leeds United.

Martin O'Neill, so often at odds with his management yet so often a top-class performer for them, tried unsuccessfully to save Norwich City from relegation to the Second Division and is now at Manchester City.

Ian Bowyer, a man transformed by Clough and Taylor and one who unselfishly filled so many positions with so much distinction, successfully added his experience to Sunderland's survival bid.

Garry Birtles, strong, brave and runner of marathons per game, took his beard and left foot to Manchester United where 25 League appearances failed to produce one League goal.

The inimitable John O'Hare finally ran out of miracle comebacks and John McGovern has to accept that he is now in the twilight of his First Division career. So who are the new Forest? So far they are difficult to pin down.

Norwegian international Einar Aas scored once in six games after signing from Bayern Munich. Raimondo Ponte hit three goals in 17 League games after arriving from Grasshoppers Zurich.

Unpredictable

Ian Wallace and Peter Ward got in each other's way when partners and while Wallace managed 11 goals in 37 League games after signing from Coventry, the unpredictable Ward played only 14 First Division games.

Clough still has the talent and experience of Viv Anderson, Kenny Burns, Trevor Francis and John Robertson. He also has Shilton, at least for the time being. And these are five players with whom any good manager could build a side.

With Clough's record it becomes a fascinating prospect for the likes of Bryn Gunn, Gary Mills, Stephen Hodge and Jeff Parry, four of the young bloods waiting to fit into the new regime on a full-time basis.

It remains to be seen if Aas and Ponte can be welded into the team without losing their individual flair. One can point to the five survivors of that era and say they achieved just such a tactical triumph.

Perhaps the exciting burst by County has provided Clough and Taylor with just the smoke-screen they required while they assemble yet another top side. And while County fight desperately to hang on next season, be ready for a counter-blast from across the Trent.

splits the Forest management

coaches here quite frankly didn't think he could match up to the standards we expect.

"On the form he showed it was understandable why people were jumping to that kind of conclusion and I had a head-on confrontation with him to let him know what I thought of his contribution.

'Big Impression'

"He needed to be told what was expected of him and while most people were writing him off I stood by my view that he could make a big impression with us if he applied himself.

"He was a big star down on the South Coast and perhaps he couldn't cope with that at the

time. Coming to Forest meant he was just one of 11 players and that meant another readjustment.

"It always takes players time to settle in at a new club and now that he's got that period behind him, the time will be ready for him to come and show what he can really do."

Ward, of course, has suffered — like Trevor Francis and Ian Wallace — from the lack of a powerful striker to feed off and that has no doubt contributed to his lack of impact at the City Ground.

It's difficult enough when you are challenging for places alongside two £1m men, but at least Ward is aware that in Clough-Taylor circles, huge transfer fees don't guarantee you anything.





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I HAVE a video recording at home of Ron Atkinson on television last year saying I shouldn't be playing for England. Thankfully, I have another, too, after we'd beaten Spain in Naples in the European Championship, where the new Manchester United manager was praising me, saying what a good player I was.

I hope he is still of that opinion. Whenever a new man comes to a club players begin to wonder if they'll fit in with his plans. Different managers have different ideas and changes are inevitable.

I've never really met Ron Atkinson, although I've been in his company at one or two functions. When I heard, on tour with England last month, that the United job was as good as his my first thought was that he fits the bill exactly.

He's an extrovert character, which the club were looking for, and seeing him on television he



'When Ron Atkinson said **I WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH'**

struck me as an open and honest person.

I roomed with Peter Barnes in Switzerland and Hungary and he told me how highly he rated his manager.

That United paid compensation to West Brom was only fair. Ron Atkinson was a valuable asset to them and they were entitled to some payment.

Bryan Robson, the other West Brom player in the senior squad, also spoke well of Ron Atkinson. 'Pop' said that if United were looking for a manager to give the team flair and personality he's the man.

Never, Bryan said, has the former West Brom manager told his team to go out to win a point, just as Dave Sexton never did when he was at Old Trafford.

Emphasis

I've always admired the way he had West Brom playing, even if they did take too many points from us for comfort. The emphasis with Albion is on attack, backed by a steady, experienced defence, so his transition to United should be a smooth one. No fans appreciate open football more than the Old Trafford regulars.

What Ron Atkinson will have to do is to bring success to United. The only real success under Dave Sexton was when we finished second in the League and the club were narrowly beaten by Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final.

Second is nowhere and I'm sure the new manager knows exactly what he's taking on.

Ron Atkinson is my seventh club manager. I've played under Dave Sexton twice, at Chelsea and United; Ron Suart for a few weeks, Frank Upton for a day (in between managers at Chelsea), Eddie McCreadie, Danny Blanchflower and Ken Shellito. You couldn't get a more varied lot than them, but obviously I'm hoping the new United



boss can bring me the success I'm after.

I was interested to read after the appointment what United chairman Martin Edwards said. "I will consider next season a success if we average 50,000 and finish high enough in the League to qualify for Europe," he commented.

I asked, in a previous column, what success was? Winning a trophy? Perhaps we know now the minimum of what will be tolerated in 1981/82.

I believe West Brom qualified for the UEFA Cup three times in four years under Ron Atkinson, so his track record is first-class.

We have a good team at Old Trafford ready for the new manager. There isn't much wrong with it and a run free from injuries, which hampered us so much at the start of last

"Despite scoring against Belgium for England during the European Championship Finals (above), Ron Atkinson (right) criticised my ability. Now Atkinson is the new Manchester United manager, and he could make changes."

season, should see us carry on where we left off, with seven successive victories.

We can virtually guarantee we won't lose many home points, and with such a huge following Ron Atkinson will find travelling away very different from life with Albion.

I've had a working summer so far, training regularly, with no sunshine holiday. I aim to be 100 per cent fit when we report back for what will be a very interesting season for the club.

Join me again in a fortnight when I'll be telling you why England must continue to play with a traditional 'big' centre-forward.

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ALL THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Alan Sunderland's effort for Arsenal against Forest is disallowed for offside.



FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal: Stapleton 14, Sunderland 7, Talbot 7, Hollins 5, McDermott 5, Rix 5, Young 4, Gaitling 3, Sansom 3, Vaessen 2, Davis 1, Nicholas 1, O'Leary 1, Price 1, own goals 2.

Aston Villa: Withe 20, Shaw 18, Morley 10, Evans 7, Cowans 5, Mortimer 4, Geddis 4, Bremner 2, own goals 2.

Birmingham City: Worthington 16, Ainscow 8, Evans 7, Curbishley 6, Bertschin 4, Gemmill 3, Dillon 2, Broadhurst 1, Givens 1, Lynex 1, own goals 1.

Brighton and Hove Albion: Robinson 19, Smith 10, Gregory 7, Ritchie 5, Stille 3, O'Sullivan 2, Williams 2, Foster 1, Horton, 1 Lawrenson 1, McNab 1, Stevens 1, Ward 1.

Coventry City: Daly 8, Thompson 8, English 7, Hunt 6, Blair 4, Bodak 3, Hateley 3, Bannister 2, Dyson, 2 Gooding 2, Gillespie 1, Hutchison 1, Thomas 1.

Crystal Palace: Allen 9, Sealy 5, Francis 4, Hilaire 4, Walsh 4, Flanagan 3, Langley 3, Lovell 2, Murphy 2, Price 2, Smillie 2, Boyle 1, Cannon 1, Hinselwood 1, Nicholas 1, own goals 3.

Everton: Eastoe 15, McBride 7, Latchford 6, Varadi 6, Hartford 5, McMahon 5, O'Keefe 3, Lyons 2, Ross 2, Wright 2, Gidman 1, Megson 1.

Ipswich Town: Wark 18, Brazil 17, Mariner 13, Gates 11, Muhren 5, Butcher 4, Thijssen 3, Beattie 1, D'Avray 1, McCall 1, Osman 1, own goals 2.

Leeds United: Harris 10, Parlante 5, Connor 4, Hart 4, Hird 4, Flynn 3, Graham 3, Sabella 2, Stevenson 2, Curtis 1, Greenhoff 1.

Leicester City: Melrose 9, Young 7, Lynex 5, Williams 4, Henderson 3, Byrne 2, Lineker 2, MacDonald 2, O'Neill 2, Buchanan 1, Peake 1, Smith 1, Wilson 1.

Liverpool: McDermott 13, Dalglish 8, Johnson 8, Kennedy (R) 8, Souness 6, Lee 5, Fairclough 4, Kennedy (A) 2, Neal 2, Gayle 1, Hansen 1, Irwin 1, Whelan 1, own goals 2.

Manchester City: Reeves 12, Tueart 8, Bennett 7, MacKenzie 6, Gow 5, McDonald 4, Power 4, Hutchison 3, Daley 2, Henry 2, Boyer 1, Palmer 1, Ranson 1.

Manchester United: Jordan 15, Macari 9, Coppell 6, McIlroy 5, Jovanovic 4, Duxbury 2, Grimes 2, Thomas 2, Albiston 1, Nicholl 1, own goals 2.

Middlesbrough: Jankovic 12, Johnston 10, Shearer 7, Armstrong 5, Hodgson 5, McAndrew 4, Ashcroft 2, Bell 1, Cochrane 1, Hedley 1, Natrass 1, Proctor 1, own goals 3.

Norwich City: Fashanu 19, Royle 9, Padden 3, Watson 3, Barham 2, Downs 2, McGuire 2, Woods 2, Bennett 1, Bond 1, Goble 1, McDowell 1, O'Neill 1, own goals 2.

Nottingham Forest: Wallace 11, Birtles 6, Francis 6, Robertson 6, Burns 5, Mills 5, Walsh 4, Bowyer 3, Gray (F) 3, O'Neill 3, Ponte 3, Ward 2, Aas 1, Gray (S) 1, own goals 3.

Southampton: Moran 18, Keegan 11, Channon 10, Baker 8, George 8, Holmes 5, Williams 4, Nicholl 3, Boyer 2, Golac 2, Watson 2, McCartney 1, own goals 2.

Stoke City: Chapman 15, O'Callaghan 7, Ursem 7, Heath 6, Doyle 4, Maguire 3, Bracewell 2, Hampton 2, Randall 2, Dodd 1, Griffiths 1, Munro 1.

Sunderland: Rowell 10, Cummins 9, Hawley 7, Brown 5, Hinnigan 4, Ritchie 4, Robson 3, Chisholm 3, Allardyce 2, Arnott 2, Bowyer 1, Cooke 1, own goal 1.

Tottenham Hotspur: Archibald 20, Crooks 16, Hoddle 12, Ardiles 5, Brooke 3, Lucy 2, Miller 2, Perryman 2, Villa 2, Falco 1, Galvin 1, Hughton 1, Smith 1, Taylor 1, own goal 1.

West Bromwich Albion: Regis 14, Brown 10, Robson 10, Barnes 8, Owen 6, Moses 4, Deehan 2, Batson 1, Cross 1, Bennett 1, Trewick 1, Wile 1, own goal 1.

Wolverhampton Wanderers: Richards 13, Gray 9, Eves 5, Bell 3, Clarke 3, Hibbitt 3, Hughes 2, Atkinson 1, Berry 1, Palmer 1, own goals 2.

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn Rovers: Stonehouse 9, Garner 7, Burke 6, Speight 5, Kendall 4, Brotherton 3, Keeley 2, Lowey 2, McKenzie 2, Busby 1, Crawford 1.

Bolton Wanderers: Whatmore 14, Kidd 13, Gowling 10, Thomas 5, Hoggan 4, Wilson 3, Cantello 2, Carter 2, Nikolic 2, Reid 2, Bennett 1, Thompson 1, Walsh 1, own goal 1.

Bristol City: Mabbutt 9, Mann 6, Ritchie 5, Pritchard 2, Tainton 2, Aitken 1, Garland 1, Hay 1, Fitzpatrick 1, Nicholls 1.

Bristol Rovers: Mabbutt 5, McCaffery 5, Williams (D) 4, Barrett 3, Penny 3, Randall 3, Barrowclough 2, Bates 2, Lee 2, Emmanuel 1, Hughes 1, Jones 1, Williams (S) 1, own goal 1.

Cambridge United: Spriggs 9, Reilly 7, Lyons 6, Christie 5, Gibbins 4, Streets 4, Fallon 3, Finney 3, O'Neill 3, Evans 2, Smith 2, Taylor 2, Goldsmith 1, own goals 2.

Cardiff City: Kitchen 13, Stevens 7, Buchanan 6, Dwyer 4, Grapes 3, Maddy 2, Bishop 1, Giles 1, Jones 1, Lewis 1, Micallef 1, Pontin 1, Ronson 1, own goals 2.

Chelsea: Lee 15, Walker 11, Fillery 6, Mayes 4, Chivers 2, Britton 1, Burnstead 1, Driver 1, Droy 1, Hutchings 1, Johnson 1, Rhoades-Brown 1, own goal 1.

Derby County: Swindlehurst 11, Biley 10, Wilson 7, Emson 4, Osgood 4, Hector 3, Sheridan 3, McFarland 3, Clark 2, Powell (B) 2, Buckley 1, Clayton 1, Emery 1, Reid 1, own goals 4.

Grimsby Town: Cumming 11, Waters 10, Drinkell 7, Brolly 4, Ford 4, Whymark 3, Kilmore 2, Stone 2, Moore 1.

Luton Town: Stein 19, Moss 16, Hill 7, White 7, Ingram 5, Antic 1, Bunn 1, Fuccillo 1, Goodyear 1, Price 1, Saxby 1, Stephens 1.

Newcastle United: Shinton 7, Harford 4, Shoulder 4, Hibbett 3, Clarke 2, Rafferty 2, Boam 1, Halliday 1, Koenen 1, Martin 1, Trewick 1, Waddle 1, Walker 1, own goal 1.

Notts County: Christie 14, McCulloch 10, Hooks 5, Harkouk 4, Hunt 4, Masson 3, O'Brien 3, Goodwin 2, Kelly 1, Kilcline 1, Manns 1, own goal 1.

Oldham Athletic: Wydie 12, Palmer 6, Stainrod, 5, McDonough 3, Steel 3, Atkinson 2, Heaton 2, Keegan 2, Kowenicki 2, Futcher 1, Nuttall 1.

Orient: Chiedozie 9, Moores 9, Taylor (P) 8, Jennings 7, Bowles 6, Parsons 6, Mayo 4, Godfrey 2, Margerrison 1.

Preston North End: Bruce 13, Elliott 9, Baxter 4, McGee 4, Coleman 3, Naughton 2, Bell 1, Doyle 1, Haslegrave 1, Houston 1, own goals 2.

Queens Park Rangers: Langley 8, Neal 8, King 6, Francis 4, Stainrod 4, Flanagan 3, Waddock 3, Fenwick 2, Fereday 2, Hazell 2, Roeder 2, Sealy 2, Shanks 2, Silkman 2, Muir 2, Burke 1, Currie 1, Hill 1, Howe 1.

Sheffield Wednesday: McCulloch 17, Curran 9, Taylor 6, Mirocevic 5, Pearson 4, Hornsby 3, King 2, Sterland 2, Blackhall 1, Grant 1, Leman 1, Smith 1, own goal 1.

Shrewsbury Town: Biggins 9, Keay 8, Atkins 6, King 6, Dungworth 5, Turner 4, Bates 2, Cross 2, Edwards 1, Tong 1, own goals 2.

Swansea City: James (L) 15, James (R) 8, Waddle 7, Curtis 6, Robinson 6, Charles 5, Giles 5, Stevenson 5, Craig 3, Attley 2, Hadziabdic 1, own goal 1.

Watford: Poskett 13, Blissett 11, Bolton 4, Jenkins 4, Ward 4, Armstrong 3, Jackett 3, Callaghan 2, Patching 1, Pritchett 1, Rostron 1, Sims 1, Taylor 1, Train 1.

West Ham United: Cross 22, Goddard 17, Brooking 10, Devonshire 6, Pike 6, Stewart 5, Holland 3, Neighbour 2, Allen 1, Barnes 1, Lampard 1, Martin 1, Morgan 1, own goals 3.

Wrexham: McNeil 13, Vinter 9, Fox 6, Edwards 6, Buxton 2, Cartwright 2, Carrodus 1, Hill 1, Jones 1, Sutton 1, own goal 1.



GOALSCORERS FOR 1980-81



THIRD DIVISION

Barnsley: Glavin 18, Banks 14, Aylott 11, Parker 11, Riley 7, Lester 5, Cooper 2, Downes 1, Evans 1, McCarthy 1, McHale 1.

Blackpool: Morris 13, Ball 5, Thompson 5, Ashurst 3, Bamber 3, Entwistle 3, Hockaday 3, Morgan 2, Williams 2, Fletcher 1, Gardner 1, Harrison 1, McEwan 1, Noble 1, Sbragia 1.

Brentford: Booker 7, Crown 6, Funnell 6, Johnson (G) 5, Hurlock 4, Walker 4, Frost 3, Hill 3, Roberts 3, Kruse 2, Shrub 2, Smith 2, Graham 1, Jenkins 1, Silkman 1, Tucker 1, own goal 1.

Burnley: Taylor 16, Scott 9, Hamilton 8, Dobson 7, Potts 4, Young 3, Cavener 2, Holt 2, Laws 2, Phelan 2, Cassidy 1, Overton 1, own goals 3.

Carlisle United: Staniforth 16, Beardsley 10, Robson 6, Bannon 5, Coughlin 3, Metcalfe 3, Brown 2, Campbell 2, Hamilton 2, Coady 1, MacDonald 1, McAuley 1, own goals 4.

Charlton Athletic: Hales 17, Walsh 11, Robinson 10, Walker 8, Powell 6, Smith 3, Berry 2, Lazarus 1, Madden 1, Shaw 1, Tydeman 1, Warman 1, own goal 1.

Chester: Phillips (T) 8, Ludlam 7, Cooke 5, Howat 5, Jones 4, Fear 2, Oakes 2, Sutcliffe 2, Cottam 1, Raynor 1, own goal 1.

Chesterfield: Birch 22, Moss 14, Bonnyman 8, Crawford 5, Walker 5, Kowalski 3, Salmons 3, Wilson 3, Walwyn 2, Hunter 2, Green 1, Ridley 1, Simpson 1, Tartt 1, own goal 1.

Colchester United: Bremner 8, Lee 7, Allinson 6, Hodge 6, Foley 5, Gough 4, Packer 3, McDonough 2, Rowles 2, Cotton 1, Wignall 1.

Exeter City: Kellow 25, Rogers (P) 7, Neville 5, Delve 4, Pearson 4, Pratt 4, Pullar 4, Forbes 2, Giles 2, Hatch 2, Prince 1, Sparrow 1, own goal 1.

Fulham: Davies 18, Beck 8, Lock 5, Mahoney 4, Coney 3, O'Driscoll 3, Wilson 3, Brown 2, Goodlass 2, Greenaway 2, Peters 2, Banton 1, Gale 1, Hatter 1, Strong 1, own goal 1.

Gillingham: Price 11, Lee 6, Westwood 6, White 5, Bruce 4, Ford 3, Henderson 3, Hughes 2, Nicholl 2, Crabbe 1, Overton 1, Richardson 1, Weatherly 1, own goal 2.

Huddersfield Town: Kindon 18, Stanton 12, Robins 11, Austin 8, Lillis 7, Cowling 4, Brown 3, Kennedy 2, Laverick 2, Hanvey 1, Robinson 1, Sutton 1, own goal 1.

Hull City: Edwards 13, Mutrie 5, Deacy 4, Marwood 4, Roberts (G) 3, Haigh 2, Swann 2, McLaren 1, Moss 1, Richards 1, Roberts (D) 1, Roberts (J) 1, Whitehurst 1, own goal 1.

Millwall: Chatterton 8, Bartley 7, Mitchell 5, Horrix 4, McKenna 3, Mehmet 3, Dibble 2, Gregory 2, Hayes 2, Lyons 2, Anderson 1, Kinsella 1, Kitchener 1, Martin 1, Tagg 1.

Newport County: Gwyther 15, Tynan 13, Lowndes 9, Oakes 8, Aldridge 7, Waddle 4, Moore 3, Elsey 2, Bailey 1, Vaughan 1, own goal 1.

Oxford United: Cooke 6, Brock 5, Foley 5, Shotton 5, Cassells 3, Lythgoe 3, Smithers 3, Jeffrey 2, Berry 1, Briggs 1, Fogg 1, Jones 1, Page 1, Seacole 1, Thomas 1.

Plymouth Argyle: Kemp 24, Murphy 9, Sims 8, Hodges 5, Bason 4, Cooper 3, Johnson 2, Graves 1.

Portsmouth: Gregory 13, Tait 8, Rafferty 6, Showers 5, Doyle 4, Bryant 3, Laidlaw 3, Rogers 3, Garner 2, Hemmerson 2, Aizlewood 1, Barnard 1, Brisley 1, Croft 1, Perrin 1, own goal 1.

Reading: Dixon 13, Earles 9, Webb 7, Beavon 6, Hetzke 5, Heale 4, Kearney 4, Bowman 3, Williams 3, Hicks 2, Sanchez 2, Wanklyn 1, own goals 3.

Rotherham United: Moore 21, Fern 11, Towner 7, Seasman 6, Gooding 4, Henson 3, Finney 2, Forrest 2, Halom 1, Mullen 1, Rhodes 1, Stancilffe 1, Winn 1, Tibbott 1, own goal 1.

Sheffield United: Hatton 18, Trussell 8, Kenworthy 7, Charles 6, Butlin 4, Peters 4, Garner 3, Givens 3, Wiggan 3, Neville 2, Ryan 2, Buckley 1, Jones 1, Matthews 1, Tibbott 1, own goal 1.

Swindon Town: Rowland 12, Mayes 8, Carter 5, Greenwood 4, Kamara 4, Miller 4, Rideout 4, Williams 3, Lewis 2, Peach 2, Hughes 1, Rollings 1, Stroud 1.

Walsall: Buckley 11, Penn 9, O'Kelly 7, Rees 6, Hart 5, Baines 4, Paul 4, Waddington (S) 4, Smith 3, Mower 2, Caswell 1, McDonough 1, own goals 2.

FOURTH DIVISION

Aldershot: Sanford 10, Brodie 8, Garwood 8, Robinson 6, Crosby 2, Hampshire 2, Lucas 2, McGregor 2, Bennett 1, French 1, Jopling 1.

Bradford City: Campbell 19, Staniforth 7, Dolan 5, McNiven 5, Watson 5, Gallagher 2, Hutchins 2, Ingham 2, Black 1, Cooper 1, Ellis 1, Jackson 1, Wood 1, own goal 1.

Bournemouth: Mooney 10, Morgan 10, Massey 9, Ferns 5, Spackman 3, Heffernan 2, Moore 2, Dawtry 1, Elliott 1, Pugh 1, Smith 1, own goals 2.

Bury: Johnson 18, Hilton 13, Madden 10, Butler 7, Whitehead 6, Gore 3, Cruickshank 2, Farley 2, Mullen 2, Howard 1, Jakub 1, Trainer 1, Tully 1, own goals 3.

Crewe Alexandra: Coyne 13, Palios 7, Davies 5, Conroy 4, Greenhoff 4, Hunter 4, Bowers 2, Nelson 2, Scott 2, Chesters 1, Guy 1, McMahon 1, Prophett 1, own goal 1.

Darlington: Walsh 22, Stalker 17, Hamilton 8, McLean 4, Speedie 4, Charlton 3, Hawker 2, Skipper 2, Smith 2, Wicks 1.

Doncaster Rovers: Nimmo 18, Little 7, Dawson 6, Warboys 6, Lister 3, Mell 3, Pugh 3, Snodin (G) 3, Saunders 2, Snodin (I) 2, Flanagan 1, Harle 1, Russell 1, Swan 1, own goals 2.

Halifax Town: Graham 10, Firth 8, McIlwraith 5, Nattress 4, Allatt 3, Hendrie 3, Dunleavy 2, O'Neill 2, Ayre 1, Bullock 1, Burton 1, Evans 1, Goodman 1, Ward 1, own goal 1.

Hartlepool United: Houchen 17, Newton 10, Hogan 7, Hampton 6, Bird 4, Forster 4, Lawrence 3, Harding 2, Kerr 2, Linacre 2, Sweeney 2, Ayre 1, Brown 1, Howard 1, own goals 2.

Hereford United: McGrellis 10, White 5, Bartley 4, Jones 4, Showers 4, Dobson 2, Price 2, Cornes 1, Harvey 1, Hicks 1, Hunt 1, Laidlaw 1, Phillips 1, Spiring 1.

Lincoln City: Hobson 21, Harford 10, Neale 9, Shipley 8, Cunningham 6, Turner 4, Thompson (S) 2, Biggins 1, Carr 1, Hughes 1, Peake 1, Thompson (T) 1, own goal 1.

Mansfield Town: Allen 8, Austin 8, Caldwell 7, McClelland 6, Bird 5, Lumby 4, Parkinson 4, Wood 4, Burrows 3, Hamilton 2, Mann 2, Pollard 1, Thomson 1, own goals 3.

Northampton Town: Phillips 19, Bowen 13, Denyer 13, Farmer 6, Heeley 2, Saunders 2, Williams 2, Carlton 1, Cooke 1, Gage 1, Sandercock 1, Sandy 1, Saxby 1, Waldock 1, own goal 1.

Peterborough United: Cooke 22, Kellock 13, Gynn 7, Quow 4, Robson 4, Slack 4, Syrett 4, Foster 3, Cliss 1, Gallagher 1, Hodgson 1, McVay 1, Winters 1, own goals 2.

Port Vale: Chamberlain (M) 9, Chamberlain (N) 9, Bowles 6, Beech 5, Allen 4, Bromage 4, Miller 4, Griffiths 3, Keenan 3, Armstrong 2, Bennett 1, Farrell 1, Jones 1, Sproson 1, Woolfall 1, own goals 3.

Rochdale: Wellings 14, Hilditch 12, Edder 7, Taylor 6, Wann 6, Jones 5, Martinez 4, Burke 2, O'Loughlin 2, Seal 1, own goal 1.

Scunthorpe United: Cammack 15, O'Berg 9, Stewart 8, Green 7, Partridge 6, Ashworth 3, Grimes 3, Lambert 3, Pilling 3, Boxall 1, own goals 2.

Southend United: Spence 21, Gray 17, Mercer 10, Hadley 7, Cusack 6, Pountney 5, Nelson 3, Moody 2, Otuksowski 2, Hull 1, Polycarpou 1, own goals 4.

Stockport County: Bradd 10, Williams 6, Sword 5, Fowler 3, Galvin 3, Mountford 3, Sunley 3, Booth 2, Rutter 2, Sherlock 2, Coyle 1, Leigh 1, Park 1, Thorpe 1, own goal 1.

Torquay: Fell 12, Cooper 11, Bowker 7, Cox 5, Lawrence 5, Sermanni 3, Wilson 3, Bourne 2, Jones 2, Riach 2, Coffill 1, Twitchin 1, own goal 1.

Tranmere Rovers: Lumby 18, Evans 9, Beamish 6, Kelly 5, Kerr 5, Peplow 4, Mungall 3, Craven 2, Parry 2, Williams 2, Bramhall 1, Powell 1, own goal 1.

Wigan Athletic: Quinn (M) 14, Wright 7, Houghton 6, Quinn (T) 5, Gore 3, Hutchinson 3, Urquhart (B) 2, Urquhart (G) 2, Glenn 2, Methven 2, Corrigan 1, Kettle 1, McMullen 1, own goals 2.

Wimbledon: Cork 23, Leslie 11, Hodges 5, Cunningham 4, Downes 4, Galliers 4, Hubbick 4, Driver 2, Smith 2, Denny 1, Goddard 1, Joseph 1, Kettidge 1, own goal 1.

York City: McDonald 11, Eccles 9, Byrne 6, Smith 6, Ford 4, Randall 2, Clements 1, Craig 1, Faulkner 1, Kay 1, McGhie 1, Pugh 1, Richards 1, own goals 2.



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ENGLAND'S magnificent 3-1 World Cup win in Hungary last month lifted a lot of the gloom that had descended over our football.

But, impressive as that victory was, it would be foolish to think that it proves we have little to learn from the rest of the world.

We have. And according to a man in a position to know, the future of the game in England is giving cause for concern.

That man is John Cartwright — boss of the England youth team and the only other full time member of Ron Greenwood's set-up.

Cartwright is so depressed about the situation he has given serious thoughts to quitting what he feels is a hopeless job.

"In England we teach kids to win before we teach them to play," claims the 40-year-old Cartwright.

"Everyone in their development years — particularly mums and dads — are possessed with seeing their youngsters win Cups and medals. They believe that if they play in the biggest and strongest team and end the season by winning everything in sight they are doing great.

"If I had my way I would ban ALL competitive football for boys under the age of 13. I'd have no 11-a-side League or Cup competitions — nothing.

"I'd make them play five-a-sides in limited areas, and have three playing two to develop their skills. That way they would learn to play

the game — and they are certainly not doing that at the moment.

"If you went anywhere else in the world and threw a dozen footballs to a dozen boys they would take one each and practice juggling, controlling and making the ball talk.

"Do the same to a dozen in England — and they would throw 11 balls away and have a full-scale match with the other. That's fine for developing leg and lung power, but it does not do too much to teach them the game.

"Youngsters are just not being taught properly. The emphasis is on all the wrong things and until we do something about it we will

less of results.

"Those selected should be told from the start that the future is in their hands and we should persevere with them — even if we don't qualify for this World Cup, or even the next one."

SHOOT reporters have seen Cartwright work at close hand, both at home and abroad and we assure you he is a young man who knows what he is talking about.

The players learn things about the game they never knew existed when they join his regular get-togethers at Lilleshall. But all the

Why Young England's boss may quit

fall even further behind.

"We have got to ask ourselves if we really want to compete on even terms in the international arena. If the answer is 'yes' then we have got to do something urgently.

"If it's 'no' then we might as well all pack up and go elsewhere now. There is no point in hanging around because I feel I am banging my head against a brick wall.

"In any job you do you have to have satisfaction, have to see you are getting somewhere. I can't do that at the moment — that's why I am giving serious consideration to my future.

"I've talked it all over with Ron Greenwood. He knows exactly how I feel and sympathises with me.

"I think we need to take a really long term view of our international prospects and would like to see a group of 18 to 25-year-olds got together NOW to see us through the next five or six years — regard-

good work he does is wasted when they go back to their clubs to rejoin the dog-fight of a League that demands success at all costs.

Even a disappointing Little World Cup campaign this year has not lessened the players faith in him.

'Brilliant'

Leeds striker Terry Connor made that clear when he said: "John is brilliant, a coach with so many good ideas.

"I agree with him that a pool of youngsters should be given the job of looking after England's interests right now. We have got teenagers who could do the job, given the right encouragement and coaching."

Our advice is for the powers that be to listen carefully to Cartwright's plea. He made it because he cares about the game. If it is ignored he could walk out.

And that would be a terrible loss to our football at international level.

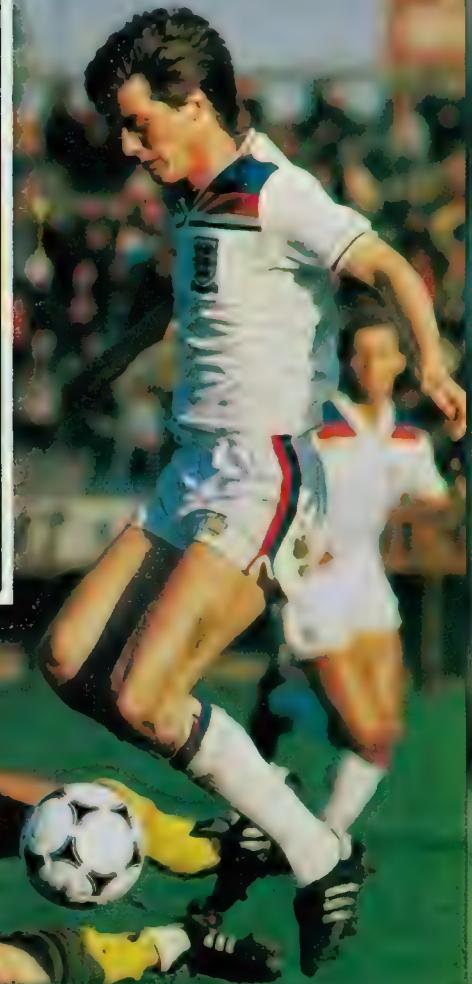


YOUNG

While England's World Cup future is in the balance the young stars are poised to reach the later stages of the third UEFA Under-21 Championship. Their win in Hungary made qualification almost certain and here we look at some of the youngsters who have done so well in recent months.



Billy Gilbert (Crystal Palace above left), and Steve McCall (Ipswich left), gave solid performances on the recent tour of Switzerland and Hungary. Birmingham's Kevin Dillon (below) is a promising schemer, while Justin Fashanu is always likely to score a goal or two. Led by Liverpool's Sammy Lee (right), the Under-21's are set to reach the Quarter-Finals next Spring.



LIONS



Southampton midfielder Graham Baker, seen here in action against Rumania.

Two of the best young goalkeepers in England — Gary Bailey (below) and John Lukic.



KENNY Hibbett has already decided what his top priority will be next season — the Wolves' midfielder will be out to score goals.

"I didn't find the net often enough last term," says Hibbett. "Getting goals is something I regard as an essential part of my job, and I was obviously far from happy with the fact that I netted only three times in the League last season."

Along with Hibbett's disappointment at not being a regular scorer in 1980-81, there was the frustration of appearing in his third F.A. Cup Semi-Final — and once again finishing up on the losing side.

Says Kenny: "On three occasions I've known what it's like to be defeated in the last stage before Wembley.

"Mind you, I should have known better. Wolves were dismissed early in the UEFA Cup, when we also thought we were ready to go places. And to cap it all, we finished April battling to avoid going to one place we didn't want to know about — Division Two.

"I'm ready to accept the fact that if I had found my shooting boots we might have been more successful. But honestly speaking, goals weren't coming frequently enough from any department of the team, which is something we'll have to put right.

'Delighted'

"And if I can weigh in with my own contribution I'll be delighted — it would be a great morale-booster to me."

On the subject of morale, Hibbett reveals that his own, and the rest of the Wolves' side, was under pressure last term, but he believes that the Molineux men will have recovered enough of their optimism to get off to a good start next season.

"The Press and the rest of the media gave us a blasting, and our fans had a go at us, the theme often being that there were too many old faces in the squad — but experienced players like myself have proved them wrong before and can do it again.

"The relief at avoiding relegation was a tonic, and now it's up to us to pick up the pieces and go on from there. I'm glad to leave behind the memory of the extra games and demanding training routines, though I must confess that reaching Wembley would have made up for it."

But while Hibbett would have relished appearing in an F.A. Cup Final, he is not so enthusiastic that there should have been an American-style shoot-out to decide the outcome of the Spurs-Manchester City confrontation.

Kenny says: "A shoot-out is all against the English concept of the game, and generally speaking I'm against making changes to football as we've always known it in this country.

"But at the end of half-an-hour's inconclusive extra time, I can see

where there is a case for achieving a result through penalties.

"With spot-kicks, a Final would be a one-off occasion, which I think is what most people want. In contrast, the idea of playing on after the end of the normal 90 minutes until one team scored is not necessarily the solution — the

match could go on and on without anybody scoring.

"Of course, there are players who don't fancy taking penalty kicks, especially in the white-hot atmosphere of Wembley. My view is that it's an honour to be entrusted with a spot-kick, and I would be concentrating on putting the ball into the back of the net rather than missing."

Certainly, the Hibbett theory about scoring is positive — if he can carry it out in practice he will help to make the future brighter for Wolves.

YOU'RE NOT THAT BAD, KENNY

Despite only three League goals in 1980-81, Kenny Hibbett's overall scoring record for Wolves since his transfer from Bradford Park Avenue in November, 1968, is quite impressive for a midfield player. His 33 League appearances last season pushed his total to 379 in the famous black and gold shirts of Wolves and his overall total of 82 goals means he has an average of a goal every four and a half games which, by any standards, is not bad!

Hibbett's promise to Wolves



Hibbett's shot is charged down by Tottenham's Tony Galvin during last season's F.A. Cup Semi-Final.

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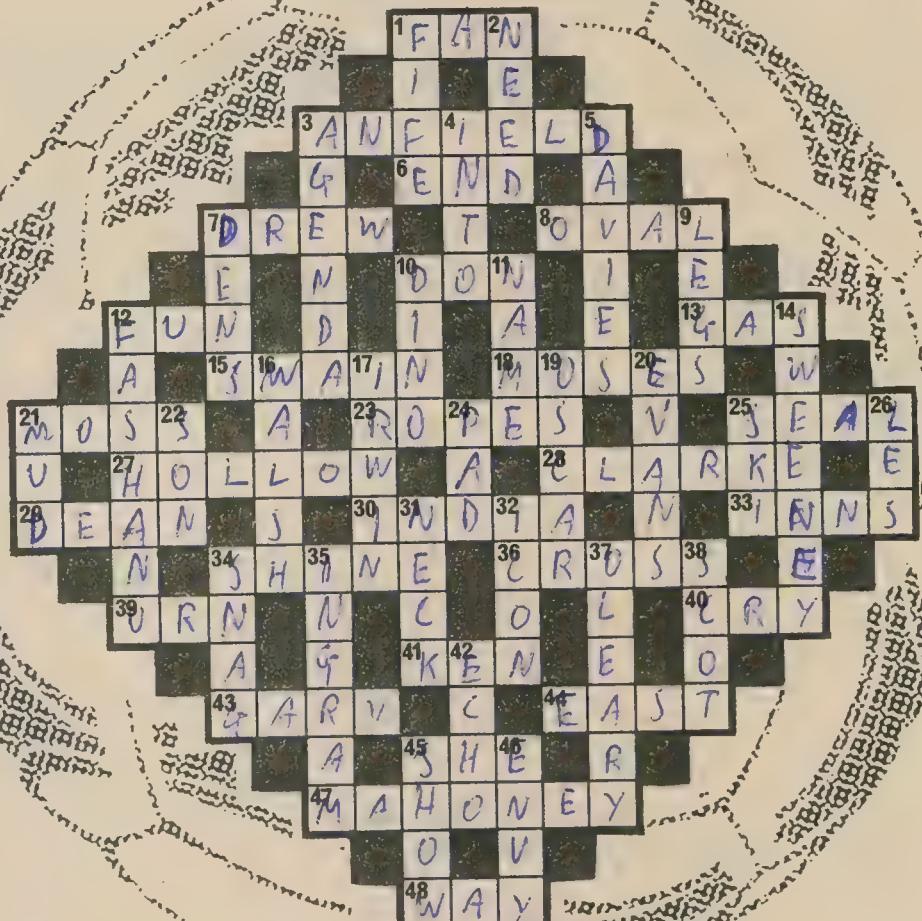
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ACROSS

- (1) Avid supporter. (3)
- (2) Liverpool's ground. (7)
- (3) Preston North --- play at Deepdale. (3)
- (4) Had the same score. (4)
- (5) Kennington ----, venue of the first F.A. Cup Final in 1872. (4)
- (6) Masson, Notts County midfield player. (3)
- (7) Enjoyment. (3)
- (8) If Blackburn, Swindon & Clyde make "ROD"; what do Cambridge, Oldham & Montrose make? (3)
- (9) Kenny ----, Aston Villa full-back. (5)
- (10) Remi ----, West Bromwich Albion midfield player. (5)
- (11) David ----, Luton Town striker. (4)
- (12) Stout lines sometimes used to mark off sections of the ground. (5)
- (13) Chester play at ----and Road. (4)
- (14) Depression in the ground. (6)
- (15) Wayne ----, Wolves striker. (6)
- (16) Court; ground of Bournemouth FC. (4)
- (17) Take the centres of Cardiff, Halifax, Raith, Swansea & Northampton to make a country. (5)
- (18) Lodging houses. (4)
- (19) Be brilliant or excel. (5)
- (20) David ----, West Ham striker. (5)
- (21) Kenny B---s; Nottingham Forest & Scotland defender. (3)
- (22) Loud excited utterance. (3)
- (23) ... Hibbitt of Wolves. (3)
- (24) Mabbutt of Bristol Rovers. (4)
- (25) Brown Club from Bayview Park who won the Scottish Cup in 1938. (4)
- (26) ...field United, 'The Blades'. (3)
- (27) John ----, Swansea City midfield player. (7)
- (28) The "Wembley" one leads to the Stadium. (3)

DOWN

(1) See 44 Across. (4)

(2) David ----ham, Nottingham Forest defender. (4)

(3) Items of business to be considered at a meeting. (6)

(4) If Port Vale gives "REAL"; what does Brighton give? (4)

(5) Dai -----, Welsh international 'keeper. (6) *IN TO*

(6) Park, ground of Dundee. (4)

(7) Sections of a two-match game, for instance. (4)

(8) Zoff, famous Italian goalkeeper. (4)

(9) Many international players have it printed on their shirt. (4)

(10) Justin -----, Norwich City striker. (7)

(11) Gerry -----, Bristol City defender. (7)

(12) Ian -----, Crystal Palace striker. (5)

(13) Colin -----, Liverpool defender. (5)

(14) Take five letters from Doncaster to make a film award. (5)

(15) Tony of Birmingham or Allan of Aston Villa. (5)

(16) Strength-sapping result of heavy rain. (3)

(17) Ray Ran---, England U-21 full-back. (3)

(18) Protective device. (3)

(19) If PATES of Chelsea will give "SEA"; what will WICKS of Q.P.R. give? (3)

(20) ... Cartwright of Wrexham. (3)

(21) Goalkeeper Bert Trautmann played the last part of the 1956 F.A. Cup Final with a broken one. (4)

(22) A statue from the endings of Morton & Celtic. (4)

(23) Unexpected drawback. (4)

(24) Godfrey -----, Luton Town striker. (6)

(25) David and Pierce, Eire international brothers. (6)

(26) Joe Jordan, for example. (4)

(27) Repetition of sound. (4)

(28) Scunthorpe United play at the Old ---- Ground. (4)

(29) Jealousy. (4)

SPOT THE PLAYERS

WHO are these First Division stars?

(Answers printed upside down at the foot of the page)



Steve McMahan (Everton);
(Southampton); Bottom:
Kevin Keegan (West Brom); Middle:
Top: Brendon Batson

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

Mystery Men

Study the negative photographs and see if you can identify the stars from the clues.



1. Began his League career with Mansfield Town before moving to Middlesbrough. He now plays for one of the other North-East clubs.

2. A local born lad who finished last season as his club's top goalscorer despite being relegated to the Third Division.



3. Has played for Everton, Manchester City, Bristol City, Hereford United (on loan), Norwich City and England.

2. Cappielow Park (Huddersfield)
3. The Dell (East Fife)
4. Belle Vue (St Mirren)
5. Bayview (Hearts)
6. Leeds Road (Orient)
7. Dean Court (Morton)
8. Love Street (Southend)
9. Brisbane Road (Doncaster)
- 10 Tynecastle Park (Southampton)

Grounds

Here we've wrongly paired some of Britain's League clubs and their grounds. See if you can sort them out.

1. Roots Hall (Bournemouth)

A	L	O	T	M	N	D	W	F	R	L	E
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N	O	A	S	T	Y	A	R	R	C	E	D
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B	D	N	I	D	E	E	N	S	T	O	L
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Trace-A-Team

The names of 11 past or present Brighton and Hove Albion players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:- (1) Fan. (3) Anfield. (6) End. (7) Drew. (8) Oval. (10) Don. (12) Fun. (13) Gas. (15) Swain. (18) Moses. (21) Moss. (23) Ropes. (25) Seal. (27) Hollow. (28) Clarke. (29) Dean. (30) India. (33) Inns. (34) Shine. (36) Cross. (39) Urn. (40) Cry. (41) Ken. (43) Gary. (44) East. (45) She. (47) Mahoney. (48) Way.
DOWN:- (1) Fife. (2) Need. (3) Agenda. (4) Into. (5) Davies. (7) Dens. (9) Legs. (10) Dino. (11) Name. (12) Fashanu. (14) Sweeney. (16) Walsh. (17) Irwin. (19) Oscar. (20) Evans. (21) Mud. (22) Son. (24) Pad. (25) Ski. (26) Les. (31) Neck. (32) Icon. (34) Snag. (35) Ingram. (37) O'Leary. (38) Scot. (42) Echo. (45) Show. (46) Envy.

Computer Puzzle BOB LATCHFORD

Programme this star player by plugging the gaps in his career.

1. Latchford began his League career with —
2. He was transferred to Everton in season —
3. Made his full international debut for England against — in November 1977.
4. His first goal for his country came against — the following May.
5. In season — he finished the First Division's leading goalscorer with 30 League goals.

Computer performance rating: 5 Superb;
4 Excellent; 3 Good.



True or False?

1. Second Division Oldham Athletic finished First Division runners-up in 1914-15.
2. Tottenham striker Steve Archibald (left) began his League career in Scotland with Second Division Clyde.
3. Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham is the country's most capped international with 56 appearances.
4. Scottish club Queen's Park are nicknamed The Spiders.
5. Before moving to the North American Soccer League, Steve Daley played for Derby County Wolves and Manchester City.

ANSWERS

SPOT THE STARS. 1. Stuart Boardman of Newcastle United. 2. Bristol City's Kevin Mabbett. 3. Joe Royle of Hearts. 4. Steve McManaman of Liverpool. 5. Peter Southgate of Doncaster. 6. John Hartson of Sunderland. 7. Brian Moore of Burnley. 8. Steve Watson of Middlesbrough. 9. Dermot Tiernan of Hearts. 10. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 11. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 12. Paul Gascoigne of Tottenham. 13. Steve Bruce of Newcastle United. 14. Paul Gascoigne of Newcastle United. 15. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 16. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 17. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 18. Paul Gascoigne of Newcastle United. 19. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 20. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 21. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 22. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 23. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 24. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 25. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 26. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 27. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 28. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 29. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 30. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 31. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 32. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 33. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 34. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 35. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 36. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 37. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 38. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 39. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 40. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 41. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 42. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 43. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 44. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest. 45. Alan Hansen of Liverpool. 46. Michael O'Neill of Nottingham Forest.



JOHN Craggs is a player highly rated by North-East fans as the best uncapped full-back in the game.

But if the 32-year-old Middlesbrough defender more or less accepts the fact that international honours have eluded him forever, he still has hopes he can help his club to pick up a top trophy.

With his benefit season starting in August, Craggs' ambition for success remains undiminished following his ten years of outstanding service with Boro.

Says John: "So far, my greatest memory at Ayresome is of Middlesbrough winning the Second Division Championship in 1974, when Jack Charlton was boss.

"If we had bought a couple of players at that time, I believe we would have had a great chance of lifting the Division One title or a cup."

"Even at this late stage in my career, I haven't lost the feeling that it's possible to put ourselves on the soccer map. I know this is overdue, but if we can win something big next season it will have been well worth waiting for."

but knows how to put over his ideas, which should work well.

"He is thorough. He is taking all chances on our fitness by asking us to report for summer training on Tuesdays and Fridays, where previously it was optional whether we reported or not."

With Craggs, there was a fitness problem late last term, after he injured a knee and was laid up for six weeks with suspected cartilage trouble.

"Fortunately, the leg improved and I didn't need an operation," says John.

"I turned out in the last three matches of the season, but I am a few pounds overweight at present, so shall keep on training to lose it during the close season.

"I'm 33 in October, and intend to be in shape to play for some time yet."

The dedication and sheer footballing talent of Craggs would almost certainly have gained him England caps had he been with a more successful club in the last decade, after service with

PROMISES PROMISES by John Craggs



New Middlesbrough boss Bobby Murdoch

Certainly the experience of being with a team constantly promising but never winning a permanent place in the First Division limelight has made Craggs wary of making forecasts.

"Under our last manager, John Neal, we were playing more attacking football than we had in previous years.

"Now, with Bobby Murdoch in charge, we'll continue to go forward, because Bobby himself was that sort of midfield player.

"I played behind him and he gained my respect, as he did that of the rest of the lads, with his ability on the pitch.

"We've also admired his coaching technique since he packed in playing — he isn't flashy,

Newcastle and limited first team appearances there because of the presence of former Irish international David Craig.

But Craggs is not one to waste time on regrets. He says: "I look to the future, and aim to make the best of every minute of being in football.

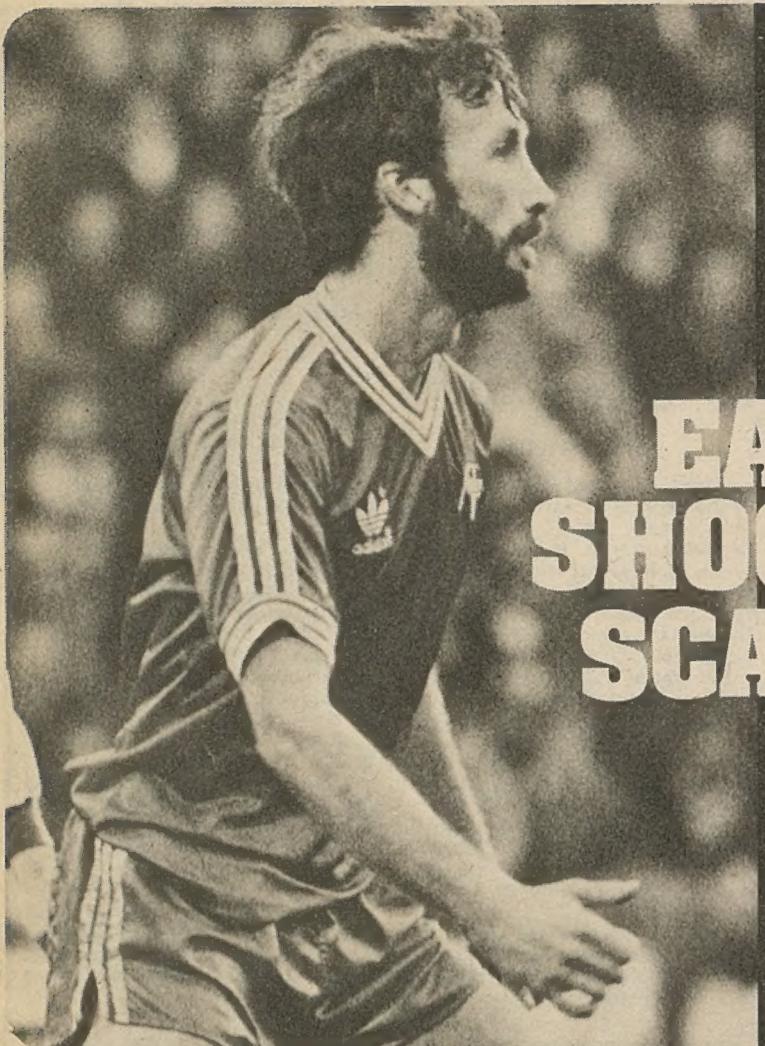
"One bright spot for me has been the form shown by Colin Robson, who is only 18, yet made the most of his opportunity to gain a regular first team spot for us in midfield after Craig Johnston left for Liverpool.

'Strength'

"Colin impressed enough for us to expect some good games from him next season, and our side as a whole has a useful blend of steel, strength and skill, youth and experience.

"Last term we consistently showed these qualities at home, where we were almost unbeatable — but our away form was so bad that one of our priorities must be to improve tremendously on away grounds."

Whatever Middlesbrough achieve next season, and their past record makes predictions impossible, Craggs will be turning out his own special brand of performances at full-back for the Teessiders — he, at least, will have the right sort of balance.



EARLY SHOCK FOR SCANLON

"Willie Miller was also sent-off and there was a whole army of bookings. I can laugh at the memory now, but I wasn't too pleased at the time, I can tell you!"

Scanlon is looking forward to his new career with the Paisley side and says: "The manager, Ricky McFarlane, was a backroom boy with East Stirling when I was a player.

"He tells me he liked my style and had been waiting for the opportunity to bring me to Love Street."

"I'm taking the place of Peter Weir, who gets my number 11 shirt at Aberdeen, and I think we can both be happy at the deal."

"There are so many good players at Paisley and I think the club underlined their ambitions when they also bought former skipper Tony Fitzpatrick from Bristol City on the same day they signed me."

"Tony is a great player. It's a pity things didn't work out for him at Ashton Gate, but that will turn out to be St. Mirren's good fortune. He is a brilliant competitive player and there is so much to look forward to."

Similar

"St. Mirren have been on the verge of doing something for the past couple of seasons. It's similar to the situation at Aberdeen before they won the Premier Division a year ago."

"There is no reason why this club shouldn't go right to the top. With luck we can achieve our goal. I've got one League medal ... I want more!"

Scanlon, who has also played for Notts County during his soccer travels, was brought back to Scotland by the then Aberdeen manager Billy McNeill for a bargain £35,000 four seasons ago.

His electrifying form frightened the daylights out of opponents in his initial seasons although he will be the first to admit that last season was a disappointment.

Now comes his move to St. Mirren ... a new club and a fresh challenge. Ian Scanlon is rarin' to go!

THIS time last year the soccer career of Ally Dawson lay in tatters. A glittering future was in very serious doubt. The young Ranger, it was rumoured, might never kick a ball again.

Dawson, who had just won his first full cap for Scotland against Hungary in Budapest the previous month, was kicked in the head during the Ibrox side's short tour of Canada.

The brave and gallant Dawson attempted to head the ball clear

the trade. These knocks come your way. Football, after all, is a man's game."

Dawson was warned about trying to head the ball in training. He continued to work throughout the close season to rid himself of the injury, but when the big kick-off came his name was missing from the Rangers team sheet.

The talk that his career might be over was heightened by reports that Rangers were interested in signing Partick Thistle left-back Brian Whittaker, who would have taken Dawson's place in the side.

"I didn't let talk like that bother

November.

"We won 3-0 and I felt utterly relieved," says Dawson. "I thought I played fair enough, but the thing that really got through to me was our magnificent fans."

Now, only a year after his career looked to be at a complete standstill, Dawson is looking forward to leading Rangers into a bright new future.

"It was great to captain the club to that Scottish Cup Final triumph over Dundee United at the end of last term," he says. "That was my first trophy victory as skipper and it has really given me the taste for more ... a lot more!"

'Veteran'

"Actually I must be a bit of a veteran in Scottish Cup Finals. Over the past three seasons I have played the grand total of ELEVEN hours in these games!"

Rangers chairman Rae Simpson says bluntly and simply: "Rangers have the best stadium in the land. Rangers have the best fans in the land. And Rangers will have the best team in the land."

With fair-haired Dawson, a cultured, finely balanced left-back who likes nothing better than to sweep into adventurous attack, leading the players on the field it would be a brave man betting against Rangers living up to their chairman's proud claim.

Dawson the Brave

while challenged by an Italian player of Ascoli. There was a sickening clash, a flow of blood and Dawson went down poleaxed.

"I can't remember too much about the incident," says the likeable Dawson, who became captain of the famous Glasgow side at the end of last season.

"One minute I was in action, the next I was out cold. I had to be helped off the field, but at the time obviously didn't realise how complicated the injury was."

"It was an accident, one of those things that happen in football. You've got to accept it as part of

me," says Ally. "I just kept at it in training and was given every encouragement by team-mates and manager John Greig, in particular."

"The example of Danny McGrain, who also suffered a fractured skull, really encouraged me to fight back."

Dawson knew he had really arrived back on the scene when, after a few tentative first team appearances, he was launched back into the team in the no-holds-barred arena of an Old Firm encounter against Celtic at Ibrox on a frost-bitten pitch in





CURRIE'S PLAYING BETTER THAN EVER

QUEENS Park Rangers would have won promotion from Division Two if Terry Venables had arrived at Loftus Road a month earlier! The upheaval caused by Tommy Docherty's departure wrecked Rangers' chances of returning to the First Division. But if you want an early tip for a Division Two promotion side next season, try Rangers.

That just about sums up Tony Currie's attitude to a disappointing season for the West London club. The belief in Venables' ability is deep; the conviction that nothing should stop Rangers next season is genuine.

Yet one odd fact hasn't been mentioned. Tony Currie is quite convinced he completed his best season ever in terms of personal form. "It's certainly as good as the three best seasons I had with Leeds," he says. "That may sound strange considering all the changes within the team. But a player knows when he's playing well, and when the season ended I knew I had every right to be delighted with my form."

"I'm 31 and I've finished my second season in Division Two," he says. "You don't get any younger and I desperately wanted to get to the First Division with Rangers at the end of last season. But it wasn't to be and now we have to make sure we make it next season."

"I'm happy at Rangers and I enjoy the place. But I'd have to seriously consider any offer if a First Division club came in for me. It will be a difficult decision and at

this stage I don't know which way I would go."

Currie hails the work manager Terry Venables has already done at Q.P.R. "He's approached his work with the right attitude and done it well," he says. "There was a lot of work to be done, but the side has been made a hell of a lot better. We should be ready to really have a crack at the promotion race next season."

If Currie does decide to stay, Rangers fans have an appealing prospect for next season. Currie alongside Gerry Francis in the middle of the park makes a talented, intriguing combination full of class and experience.

'Burden'

"It's great to have two players in the team capable of making the play," says Currie. "Normally, you only get one and sometimes that places too much of a burden on that player. I enjoy working with Gerry because he plays and looks upon the game in a similar way to myself. The understanding we started to create at the end of the season could really be something next season."

Rangers' new synthetic pitch should be perfect for the silky skills of Tony Currie, and with the return of young striker Clive Allen to Loftus Road the future looks good for Queens Park Rangers.

Whether Tony Currie will stay long enough to play a major part in that future remains to be seen, but Terry Venables won't part with his major asset cheaply.

WHEN Steve Wicks said he wanted to leave Queens Park Rangers, his reason was that he wanted First Division football. With this in mind it came as something of a shock when he signed for Crystal Palace, who had just been relegated to Division Two.

"I know that leaving one Second Division club to join another, especially after admitting that I wanted First Division football, must have surprised a lot of people," says Steve, "but I was so impressed with the way Dario Gradi is tackling the job of rebuilding the side, and the whole set-up of the club, that I wanted to be part of it."

Stranger

Wicks, 24, voted Rangers' Player of the Year by the Loftus Road fans last season, didn't exactly find himself a stranger in a strange land when he flew out with Gradi, who was in charge of Chelsea's reserves when Wicks was coming through the ranks, to meet his new team-mates in Majorca.

Several of the Palace players he already knew, and the link with recent signings Tommy Langley and Brian Bason was even stronger, as the road destined to lead all three of them to Selhurst Park began at Stamford Bridge.

In January, 1979, Steve moved from Chelsea to Derby County, a transfer that cost The Rams, then managed by Tommy Docherty, a solid £300,000.

When, a few months later, The Doc headed south to take over as manager of Queens Park Rangers, he demonstrated his admiration

for his former defender's ability by once again shelling out £300,000 to bring him to Loftus Road.

But the Docherty/Wicks connection was abruptly terminated when the controversial Scot parted company with Rangers and dramatically departed to Australia.

For a time it looked as if the club under Terry Venables might thrust itself among the promotion pacemakers, but the challenge petered out, as did Steve Wicks' enthusiasm for another term in the Second Division.

"Terry was aware of my ambition to play in the First Division," said the Youth and England Under-21 international, "and though he didn't want me to go, and stressed that I would be a key factor in the team's promotion drive next season, I was still determined to get away."

"When I knew what Palace were prepared to offer for me, and had talked with Mr Gradi, I was so impressed by his attitude and his outlook for the future that I had no hesitation about signing and preparing to meet what I think will be the biggest challenge of my career so far — helping Palace to get back upstairs by the season's end and fulfil my own ambition."

"I'm also looking forward to having a successful partnership with Jim Cannon in defence."

"I'm sure that, with last season's troubles behind us now, we'll show that we have the skill, determination, and team-spirit to make it a one-season stay in the Second, and bring back the crowds and the enthusiasm of two seasons ago to Selhurst Park."

WHY WICKS BROKE HIS WORD



FAIRCLOUGH MYSTERY

DAVID Fairclough, of the flame hair and fire in his boots, loves Liverpool but hates that "Supersub" tag which has kept him company through most of the 23-year-old's career with the European Cup holders.

This coming season he hopes to shrug off the injury which bedevilled him through much of last season and prove just how false he feels the tag to be.

"Over the years I really have come to detest the sound of those words, the inference that I cannot last a game. It's the same with not being a 90-minute player.

"That's something else I've had to live with over the years. Yet although I've put the question to any number of people, nobody has yet been able to tell me what a 90-minute player really is.

"I feel that both expressions — and I've really had all I can stomach of both — have come

about because of the fact that I've been brought on from the subs' bench and scored what seemed to be important goals on occasions.

"But people seem to forget that I have also been on the park from the start of a few games as well, and still scored goals in the process."

Last season was an exception however. David, one of the most modest and likeable lads in professional football, started well with a run of senior games, but in October was injured and never really made a return.

He finished the season with only six full games and four as sub-

under his belt, and went almost direct from watching the European Cup Final in Paris to a Merseyside specialist for further examination of his knee injury.

"It is a bit of a mystery at the moment," he says, "but I'm hoping to get it all over with in time to get back into full training for the start of the new season.

"At the beginning of 1980-81 I delayed signing a new contract, saw the boss and finally agreed that I would sign and try and fight my way into the first team for a regular spot.

'Great'

"But all that went sour with the injury. Being in Paris for the Final, seeing the lads take the trophy for the third time was great, but somehow you don't really feel part of it when you're not in the squad.

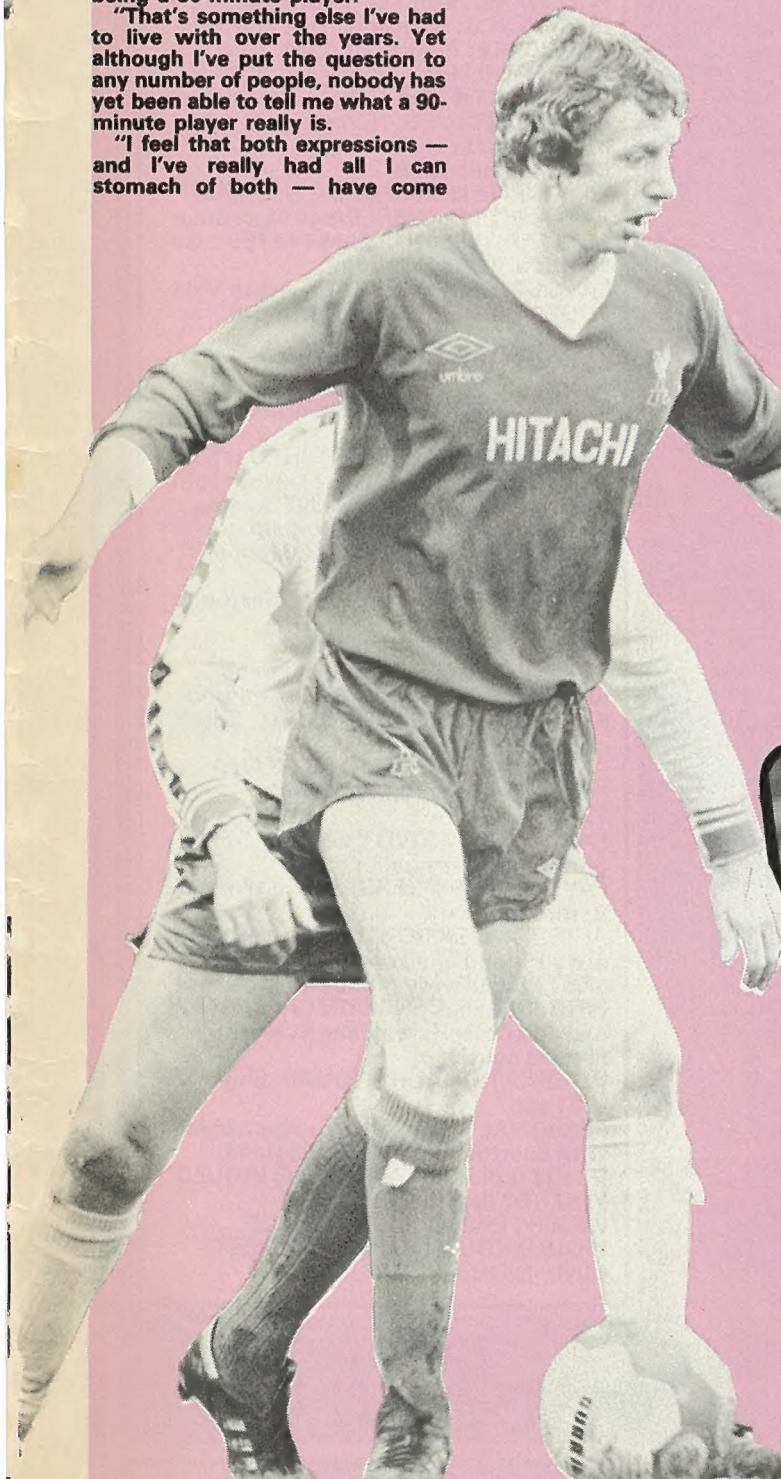
"That's what I aim to do next season, to be in the squad and very much part of the Anfield scene as we defend the two Cups we've won, the European and the Football League Cups, and go out to win the League title again."

But Fairclough is not the only player hoping to make the big break at Anfield in the new season.

Craig Johnston, Bruce Grobbelaar, Richard Money, Colin Irwin, Howard Gayle and even Jimmy Case are now all seeking regular first team football with Liverpool.

One thing is for sure. They never stand still at Liverpool. They are

Richard Money (white shirt below) is another hopeful of first team football at Anfield.



not only usually at least one tactical move but a couple of shrewd signings ahead of most other clubs in the game.

It may well be the year of David Fairclough, but at Anfield it could well be the year of others as well. Keep your eye on that space along the Anfield Road.

NEXT WEEK'S ALL-STAR LINE-UP...



The Doc's back!
Controversial,
colourful Tommy
Docherty explains
why he came home
to Preston after
declaring: 'I'm
finished with English
football!'

CHARLIE GEORGES Lost Cause . . . the star England needed.

BOBBY ROBSON'S Transfer Target for Ipswich . . .

Final part of the fascinating **JOHN BOND** Story . . .

How **MAN.UNITED** stayed top of the Gates League . . .

Discover some of Scotland's **GOLDEN NUGGETS...**

ANDY GRAY — 'What's wrong with schoolboy football' . . .

PETER WITHE — 'Not yet at my best' . . .

PHIL PARKES Defends West Ham's veterans . . .

PLUS IN COLOUR

Double page pin-up of Nottingham Forest and Scotland star **JOHN ROBERTSON** + **NICKY REID** (Man. City) + **GERRY DALY** (Coventry) + **BILLY ASHCROFT** (Boro) + **KEITH BERTSCHIN** (Birm. City) + Focus on Dundee United's **PAUL STURROCK**.

All this and much more in next week's SHOOT . . . it's a WINNER!

FOCUS ON

Steve McMahon EVERTON



Stephen McMahon

FULL NAME: Stephen McMahon

BIRTHPLACE: Liverpool

BIRTHDATE: August 20, 1961

HEIGHT: 5ft 8ins

WEIGHT: 11st 3lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None

MARRIED: No

CAR: Renault 18TS

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mail

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Diego Maradona

MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATES: Joe McBride, Kevin Ratcliffe

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Aston Villa

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:

Alan Ball

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: I like all sports

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The manager

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our F.A.

Cup victory over Liverpool last season

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing

on my League debut at Sunderland

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Most of them are friendly

FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Scampi and milk

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Winning and picking up my wages ... Losing and being injured

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: South of France

FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Lenny Henry, Maggie Thatcher

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Sometimes play golf

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder, Barbra Streisand

AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: I go out with my girlfriend and some of the players

BEST FRIEND: My grandad

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My dad and Colin Harvey, the Everton reserve coach

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England U-21 cap

PERSONAL AMBITION: To win trophies with Everton and play for England

IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Psychiatrist

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Olivia Newton-John